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# WRANGLING WILD HORSES

Photographer Debra Garside takes a picture on Wednesday of part of a new permanent exhibit at the Museum of Natural History entitled *Sable Island: Over the Dunes, Beyond Wild Horses*. The exhibit features some of Garside's life-size photographs of the iconic horses as well as a recreated research station. **JEFF HARPER/METRO**

# 'This is not rocket science'

**Snow clearing.** City makes 'abundantly' clear last year's sidewalk fiasco can't happen again

**Quoted**

"I do believe we'll be successful."

Municipal operations manager Chris Mitchell

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City staffers are promising that snow removal on the sidewalks in Halifax this winter won't be the disaster that it was last year.

"All of the people who have gotten contracts this year are already known to HRM," said municipal operations manager Chris Mitchell during an appearance before regional council Tuesday. "They're already doing good work for us and they already have a good track record."

The winter season of 2013-14 was one of the harshest in recent memory, with unusually heavy snowfall and more than 36 snow-removal events in HRM.

It was also the first year the city, rather than residents, carried out sidewalk snow remov-

al on the peninsula. The change didn't go well, with thousands of complaints logged about damage caused by snow clearing crews and equipment to private property.

Councillors approved the contracts for five sidewalk routes and remote bus stops Tuesday, but not before impressing — emphatically — on city staff that a repeat of last year's disastrous efforts was not an option.

"This is not rocket science. It can be done. There are those who want to run screaming from this, but there are those of us saying, 'Make it work,'" said Coun. Tim Outhit.

Mitchell said all bidders attended a bidders' conference earlier this year where the problems of last season — and potential solutions — were clearly laid out. "They are keenly aware of what the responsibilities and expectations are."

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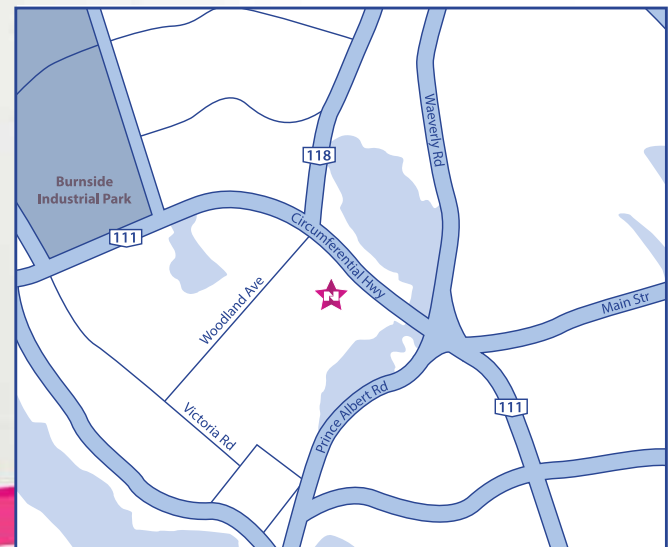
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### PHOTO OP

The Downtown Halifax Business Association is doing a public group photo of the Argyle Street Animation Project Thursday at 11:30 a.m. The street wall consists of two colourful structures next to the Nova Centre.

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### MORE TOOPY

A third performance of the kids production Toopy and Binoo and the Marshmallow Moon has been added for the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium on Nov. 23 at 1 p.m.

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### ISIS CONFLICT

Amid fears the Syrian border town of Kobani could fall any day, U.S. and NATO officials are travelling to Turkey to press for more robust Turkish involvement in the coalition.

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### DOWNTON DECOR

Since Downton Abbey hit our screens we've been getting serious interiors envy. U.S. home store River of Goods plans to launch the first official Downton Abbey Lighting collection next January.

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### 007'S SALAD DAYS

The early career of super-spy James Bond will be explored in a series of comic books set for 2015. The announcement comes after Dynamite Entertainment reached an agreement with Ian Fleming's estate.

# 7 underage sex workers identified in Halifax

**Operation Northern Spotlight.** Integrated vice unit met with 22 women last week



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A Halifax detective says a national human-trafficking initiative led local police to find seven underage girls working in the sex trade, and has had "spinoff" effects leading to investigations.

The Halifax Regional Police and Halifax RCMP's integrated vice unit participated in Operation Northern Spotlight last week, and Det. Andrew Matthews said 22 women between 15 and 25 years old were interviewed in local hotels where they were offered medical, outreach and mental-health support.

"We also wanted to (get the) message to them they can talk to us without feeling ashamed," Matthews said.

He said sex workers in the city have historically viewed police as not being people they can talk to "without being pros-



Halifax Regional Police headquarters. JEFF HARPER/METRO

#### Canada-wide

#### Operation Northern Spotlight numbers:

- 9 people charged with 33 offences across Canada. 257 sex workers interviewed.

- Safety ensured for 18 people working as a minor or against their will, including a 12-year-old.

ecuted themselves," so during the pre-arranged meetings Matthews said police offered food, water, money for a cab home and a victim's services person in a separate room if they preferred to speak to them.

Seven people under 18 years old were located, Matthews said, and in those cases police

contacted their parents, guardian or a responsible adult to take care of them.

"That's concerning for us," he said.

While no charges have been laid as a result of the initiative, there have been some "spinoff effects" that have launched investigations, Matthews said.

Stepping Stone, a non-profit offering support and programs to sex workers, posted about the operation via Facebook that "Using deceit and intimidation against sex workers to try and identify human trafficking is not the way to do it."

Matthews said the initiative was only one of many ways the vice unit reaches out to sex workers or investigates underage prostitution, and although for some there may appear to be a level of intimidation, police did "everything we possibly could to make people feel welcome."

"If they are in a bad situation we're there to help them out," he said.

Jayden Tynes

### Teen wanted for attempted murder has left province: RCMP

Halifax police continue to ask the public's help in locating 17-year-old Jayden Anthony



Anthony Tynes  
CONTRIBUTED

Tynes of North Preston, who is wanted for attempted murder.

Police responded to Downey Road in North Preston on Sept. 26 where shots were fired from a car at an 18-year-old man and 20-year-old woman, hitting the woman in the arm.

On Oct. 2, a Canada-wide warrant was issued for Tynes and on Wednesday police said they have new information that he is living outside of Nova Scotia.

Although he is not an adult, a judge is allowing police, for a second time, to release Tynes' photo to the media in hopes of finding Tynes — for five days or until he is arrested (if less than five days). METRO

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# Baby's checkup turned into abuse inquisition, says mom

**'You think I did this?'**

Dartmouth woman says her status as single mom on assistance prompted staff to assume worst



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A young mother who dutifully took her baby to the IWK Health Centre to check on a mystery bruise says the trip turned into an ordeal of hostility and judgment when the bruise was reported as a sign of possible child abuse.

"When I gave birth, everybody was really nice. When she was there because she was sick, everybody was overly nice," said the woman Wednesday. "Then I'm there labelled as a baby beater and I'm the shittiest person walking the earth."

Isabelle Martin — a pseudonym used at the mother's request — said she took her three-month-old baby to a duty clinic recently when a bruise appeared on her foot with no apparent cause.

As the baby seemed tender around the bruise, Martin was referred to the IWK for X-rays, which revealed nothing unusual.

After blood work also came back normal, Martin said a senior physician informed her that Child Welfare Services (CWS) was being called.

"I ... started crying right away. I'm like, 'They're going to take my baby,'" said Martin. "I said, 'You think I did



A Dartmouth mother, choosing to be identified by the pseudonym Isabelle Martin, in her apartment on Wednesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

this to her?" She was like, 'I don't know what happened.'"

Martin said she's certain her status as a young single mother on assistance influenced the decision to contact CWS — and prompted some staff to assume the worst.

Over the course of three

days, Martin said hospital personnel behaved as though she was invisible, avoiding eye contact and answering questions monosyllabically.

Worse, she said the hunt for further harm meant her daughter had to undergo more needles, full-body X-rays and an MRI that required sedation.

She said the baby stopped breathing within a minute of being sedated and had to undergo emergency resuscitation.

"(Afterwards,) the nurse walks by my room laughing.... She says, 'That was exciting!'" said Martin. "I'm saying

through tears, 'My daughter stopped breathing, and that's exciting to you? I couldn't believe it.'"

Mother and baby were released when the X-rays and MRIs turned up nothing — but not before one more round of blood work for which nurses tried three times to find a vein in the baby's arm, then her foot and finally her head.

"They're putting her through all of this to see if her life is in danger with me," said Martin, adding the baby had more bruises after hospitalization than before.

"But they're putting her life in danger and making

## Record remains

As of Wednesday, Martin said a CWS file remains open on her, with no word on when it might be closed.

her go through all of these things."

She said she's been a devoted mother, enduring weeks of pain in order to breastfeed, and the implication that she harmed her child was devastating.

"I started feeling bad about my own mothering," she said. "My daughter has a bruise,

and I have no idea. How good of a mom am I if I don't know?"

Martin isn't expecting an apology or any kind of response from the hospital but said she wanted to tell her story so that other young, single mothers can be prepared for similar treatment.

She's also hoping hospital staff might give the next scared young mother the benefit of the doubt before assuming the worst.

"I want them to realize how crappy they treat people," said Martin. "Innocent until proven guilty did not apply."

## Self-respect

**"I'm doing everything I can for her, to be the best. You guys are looking down on me like I've done nothing for her, which really ticked me off. I've never felt so crappy about myself in my entire life."**

Isabelle Martin — a pseudonym — on her experience with staff at the IWK Health Centre

## Decision to report not taken lightly: Hospital

A senior IWK Health Centre official says hospital staff are required by law to report any suspected case of child abuse, and doing so is an "involved, thoughtful process."

Metro Halifax didn't provide Isabelle Martin's real

name to the hospital, at her request, and the hospital can't comment on specific cases because of privacy legislation.

Speaking in general terms about the process and criteria for reporting suspected

abuse, Dr. Amy Ornstein, the medical director of IWK's Child Protection Team, said via email there are "many factors" involved in the decision.

"There is an element of discretion, yes. But there is also an involved, thought-

ful process before a report is made," she wrote. "Reporting possible child abuse is obviously not something that physicians take lightly and is done only when there is concern to warrant this step."

Ornstein said the ensuing

investigation is a "difficult process" for families and said patients can always use the hospital's patient and family feedback line to report any concerns about IWK staff or procedures.

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The IWK Health Centre.  
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## Maritime Fall Fair open for days of fun

Mike Driscoll puts Manhattan through his paces in the ring at Exhibition Park on Wednesday. The popular Maritime Fall Fair runs through Monday. Admission costs \$12 for adults (ages 13 and over), and \$9 for youth (ages 5-12) and seniors (ages 65 and over). Family passes and five-day passes are also available.

JEFF HARPER/METRO

## Justice department. Dartmouth man's murder conviction under scrutiny

The federal Justice Department says a preliminary assessment shows there may have been a miscarriage of justice in the conviction of a Nova Scotia man sentenced to life for fatally stabbing his former girlfriend.

In September 1999, Eugene Assoun was convicted by a jury in the Nova Scotia Supreme Court of second-degree murder in the death of 28-year-old Brenda Lee Anne Way.

Way's partly clothed body was found behind an apartment building in Dartmouth on Nov. 12, 1995.

Assoun had represented himself at trial after firing his lawyer.

Subsequent applications for appeals were dismissed,

### Investigation

Now that a preliminary assessment has been completed, the group will conduct an in-depth investigation before making a recommendation to the justice minister.

including an application to the Supreme Court of Canada in 2006.

Kerry Scullion, director of the Justice Department's Criminal Conviction Review Group, says the Association in Defence of the Wrongfully Convicted filed an application last year for a review of Assoun's case.

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# Polling information could go public

### Accountability.

Communications Nova Scotia is considering making polling and research information available to the public

The communications arm of the Nova Scotia government is considering whether to make some information it obtains through polling and research available to the public, a deputy minister said Wednesday.

"We have been having a conversation around should

we be making some of this information available through our government website," Tracey Taweel, the associate deputy minister for Communications Nova Scotia, told the legislature's public accounts committee.

Taweel said the information is currently only available through freedom of information requests. She said there could be instances where proprietary information about private companies prevents the release of that information.

She was unable to say how much the government spends on polling each year, adding that it will be easier to do once

### Budget numbers

Communications Nova Scotia said its overall marketing budget is \$2,179,500 this year, down \$600,000 from the previous year.

all polling is centralized within her agency, a project that is ongoing.

A spokesperson for Communications Nova Scotia later said \$120,000 had been spent on public polling as of mid-September for this fiscal year, including \$13,995 on a recent telephone poll on issues arising

from excessive emissions at the Northern Pulp Mill in Pictou.

Taweel said under legislation brought in last fall, her department will have to release an accountability report at the end of the fiscal year that includes where advertising dollars were spent.

"So it would seem to make sense that in other areas like research and evaluation we would also apply a level of openness and transparency," she said.

NDP committee member Dave Wilson said taxpayers should have access to polling information if they fund it.

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### Allegations of abuse

## N.S. premier to apologize to former residents of orphanage: Spokeswoman

A spokeswoman for Nova Scotia Premier Stephen McNeil says he will issue a formal apology to people who allege they suffered years of abuse at an orphanage in Halifax.

Laurel Munroe said in an email Wednesday that McNeil will make the apology

Friday, but offered no other details. The gesture comes on the same day payouts from a \$34-million award for the former residents of the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children were supposed to start being dispersed.

Former residents allege physical, psychological and sexual abuse over several decades at the orphanage after it opened in 1921.

Tony Smith, a co-chairman of a group that represents former residents, says an apology will mean a lot to people who lived at the former residence.

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## WASTE COLLECTION NOTICE GARBAGE/ORGANICS/RECYCLABLES

### Thanksgiving

Please be advised that there will be no garbage, organics or recyclables collection services on Thanksgiving, Monday October 13th, 2014. Collection services for that day will be provided the preceding Saturday, October 11th.

Collection Services can begin as early as 7am. To ensure collection please place materials curbside the evening prior to collection day.

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## Traffic stop. Loaded gun, cattle prodder found: Cops

Police say three people are facing charges after a traffic stop in Dartmouth led to weapons and drugs being seized. A vehicle was pulled over on Dorothea Drive around 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, with three people inside — a 22-year-old man, an 18-year-old man and a 15-year-old boy.

Police say there was a warrant for the 22-year-old's ar-

rest, and the 15-year-old was breaching conditions of his release, so police searched the car and allegedly found a knife and a cattle prodder.

The three suspects were then searched by officers and police say they found drugs on the 22-year-old and a loaded handgun underneath the clothing of the 15-year-old.

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### Lost in the woods

## Woman and her dog rescued

A 30-year-old woman who became lost while hiking with her dog was found Tuesday night after a police K-9 unit went searching for them.

The pair was lost for about four hours among hiking trails off Northwest Arm Drive in the area of Walter Havill Drive.

The woman called Halifax Regional Police around 7:30 p.m. to say she could not find her way out of the woods. Officers used lights and sirens in the hopes of pinpointing her location.

The police K-9 unit found the woman around 11 p.m. She and her dog were both healthy. Police said they had kept in contact with the woman throughout the night via her cellphone. METRO



Leslie Douglas Greenwood's murder conviction has been overturned.

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# Man to be tried again in double-murder case

**Leslie Douglas Greenwood.** Man believed to have ties to Hells Angels

### Charges in Quebec

Leslie Douglas Greenwood is also facing two first-degree murder charges in Quebec. Nova Scotia Public Prosecution spokeswoman Chris Hansen said recently that, depending on what happens in regard to that process, prosecutors in Nova Scotia would have to co-ordinate with prosecutors in Quebec on the matters here.

An indictment has been filed in Nova Scotia Supreme Court for a new trial for a Nova Scotia man who recently had two first-degree murder convictions overturned by the appeals court.

Although a venue and date have yet to be determined, Leslie Douglas Greenwood, 44, will stand trial again for the murders of Barry Kirk Mersereau, 48, and Nancy Paula Christensen, 47. The couple was shot to death in their Centre Burlington home in 2000.

Originally from Colchester County, Greenwood is also a former resident of Bramber, Hants County. He was convicted of the Centre Burlington murders following a three-week Supreme Court jury trial that concluded in May 2012.

The Court of Appeal's Sept. 8 decision to overturn Greenwood's convictions stems from the use of hearsay evidence in the jury trial.

During the trial, Greenwood did not testify. However, the Crown introduced a videotape of his interroga-

tion by police, conducted in December 2010, when he repeatedly denied killing Mersereau and Christensen.


In the 442-page transcript of the day-long interrogation, Greenwood claimed that he was at the house to pick up drugs, knew nothing of any killings and had no gun. He said the Crown's key witness, Michael Lawrence, acted alone while Greenwood was outside the house. Lawrence was sentenced for his part in the murders in January 2012.

Lawrence testified Greenwood shot the victims first with a .357 Magnum and then Lawrence shot them again with a .32 handgun. The Crown's case alleged that Greenwood was acting to erase his Hells Angels drug debt. KING'S COUNTY REGISTER

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# 'There ain't no stopping me'

**Gospel legend.** Mavis Staples to bring old and new favourites to Halifax



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A gospel and R&B staple is performing in Halifax on Thursday night, and while the 75-year-old joked she's not sure if another record label will sign her soon "there ain't no stopping me."

Mavis Staples, a Chicago soul singer who started out in the 1950s beside her siblings and father Roebuck "Pops" Staples as The Staples Singers, has been making her own music for decades and is set to bring the old family standards and her newer hits to the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium.

"It won't be boring," Staples said with a low, raspy laugh over the phone from Chicago.

Halifax soul singer Erin Costello is opening and while Staples said she had yet to hear Costello's own tunes she loves to see a local person



Mavis Staples performs onstage at MusiCares Person Of The Year honouring Bruce Springsteen on Feb. 8, 2013, in Los Angeles. LARRY BUSACCA/GETTY IMAGES

open the show.

"You never know, I might be opening for her one day," she said.

Staples won her first Grammy for 2010's *You Are Not Alone*, produced by Jeff Tweedy

of Wilco who also paired with her for last year's *One True Vine*.

Tweedy's talk of family as well as his musical talent won over Staples during their time together, she said, and laughed

that she's "grandma" to his sons.

Looking back over a life that involved working with Bob Dylan, The Band and Curtis Mayfield, Staples said she would still love to work with

Stevie Wonder but joked he "ain't got time to be producing me."

We'll Never Turn Back is a favourite album from her career, Staples said, because the traditional songs bring

## Tickets

There is only limited seating available for Thursday's show.

her back to when the family worked with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during the civil-rights movement.

Early songs like *Uncoloured Day* and The Staples' work with Vee-Jay Records still stands out as "the best music of our lives," she said.

"Just my father's guitar and our voices. We didn't have any band," Staples said. "It sounds so pure, and just all feeling."

Since she and Tweedy have finished with Anti-Records, Staples said she wonders whether any company will sign her up again but is set on making music as long as she has her voice.

"There ain't no stopping me," Staples said. "Look forward to hearing something else ... this old girl, I'm not giving up."

## Province to seek public feedback on future of university system

The Nova Scotia government says it will consult with the public on the future direction of the province's university system.

Labour and Advanced Education Minister Kelly Regan says the government is looking for feedback on ways to support universities.

Regan says the consultation process will involve students, parents and businesses along with university faculty and presidents.

The consultation will also look at how to make post-sec-



Saint Mary's University in Halifax JEFF HARPER/METRO FILE

ondary education more affordable for students.

The government says the information gathered will help develop a strategic paper out-

lining the long-term direction for universities and the next memorandum of understanding between universities and the province. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Bush burglary

### Seasonal camps being broken into

A number of seasonal camps in the Tatamagouche area have been broken into.

Between Oct. 4 and 5, the Colchester RCMP responded to four reports of break, enter and theft into seasonal camps. In all reports, entry was gained into the camps by cutting the gates and kicking in the door.

Once entry was gained, the camp was then ransacked and property was

stolen. Stolen property includes electronics, machinery, tools and a 410 shotgun. **TRURO DAILY NEWS**

## Weather warning

### Tide and flood warning issued for Halifax area

A special weather statement was issued Wednesday by Environment Canada warning people living in eight Nova Scotia counties, including Halifax, of higher

than usual water levels this week.

According to the weather agency, high tides combined with brisk, southerly winds late in the day Wednesday and into Thursday will bring high water levels and rough surf along parts of the Fundy and Atlantic coastlines.

Local flooding is also possible.

People are advised to monitor future forecasts and warnings as warnings may be required or extended. **TRANSCONTINENTAL MEDIA**

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# School of horror runaway's coffin dug up bodiless

**Florida's Dozier School.** Researchers had hoped to perform a skeletal autopsy to find out how boy died in 1925

Anthropologists investigating the deaths of dozens of boys at a closed Florida reform school dug up a decades-old grave in Philadelphia looking for the body of one of the boys only to find a casket filled with wood.

The Tampa Bay Times reported that University of South Florida forensic researchers were expecting to find the body of Thomas Curry, who died in 1925

## 'Dog boys' go boy hunting

It was common at the Dozier School for Boys for armed guards to search for runaways. School officials referred to it as "boy hunting," a guard said in 2009.

- Sometimes trustees from a nearby prison, known as "dog boys," were called in to help search.
- Former wards have said they were brutally beaten after being caught while trying to escape.

from what a coroner said was a crushed skull after run-

ning away from the Dozier School for Boys in the town of Marianna.

Curry met his death by some railroad tracks near Chattahoochee in 1925, trying to run away after serving just 29 days for delinquency at the hellish reform school some 32 kilometres away.

His body was shipped by train to his grandmother in Philadelphia, where services were held at a Catholic church, and a box was buried at the Old Cathedral Cemetery in West Philadelphia, on top of a casket that held his great-grandmother.

Burial records at the archdiocese say he was "killed by train."

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## Indonesian cave art is as old as Europe's

Archaeologists say these stencils of hands in a cave in Indonesia are between 35,000 and 40,000 years old, putting them roughly in the same period as drawings found in famous pre-historic art in Europe, according to a new study published Wednesday in the journal Nature. The finding suggests humans had already evolved with the capacity of creating art when they left Africa 65,000 years ago, much earlier than scientists had thought.

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## Autopsy settles how twins, 63, died

Twin brothers whose decomposing remains were found in reclining chairs in their Tennessee home earlier this year died from heart disease and diabetes, authorities said Wednesday.

Results of autopsies and toxicology examinations released by the Chattanooga Police Department show Anthony Larry Johnson died as

a result of arteriosclerotic heart disease. Shortly afterward, his twin, Andrew Gary Johnson, died of diabetes mellitus.

Andrew Johnson had been relying on his brother to monitor glucose levels and insulin dosage because he was disabled and had severe vision problems, said Chattanooga police. So when

Anthony Johnson died, his brother could not treat his illness and he died too.

The skeletal remains of the 63-year-old twins were found in their home on March 29 after a relative asked police to check on the brothers. Officials said the condition of the bodies suggested both men had been dead since 2011.

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# German man tells jury about days spent with Magnotta before arrest

## Jun Lin murder case.

Court hears that Frank Rubert allowed accused into his Berlin home, unaware man was wanted by police

The man who housed Luka Rocco Magnotta in Berlin says the accused murderer had a few thousand euro, no luggage and was reportedly looking for a fresh start after breaking up with a lover.

Frank Rubert told Magnotta's murder trial on Wednesday the entire encounter with Magnotta — online and in person — spanned several days in May and June 2012.

He met Magnotta on a chat website called GayRomeo while looking for a roommate.

Testifying through an interpreter, Rubert said they spent



Witness Frank Rubert, left, from Berlin, leaves the courtroom with police investigators after testifying at the murder trial for Luka Rocco Magnotta Wednesday in Montreal. Magnotta is charged in connection with the murder of student Jun Lin in a case that made international headlines. RYAN REMIOWZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

much of their time together shopping, eating and drinking, but did not have sex because Magnotta wasn't his type.

Rubert said he didn't want to bring Magnotta home when he first saw him at the bus

station. The native of Scarborough, Ont., looked greasy and unkempt, but Rubert decided to bring him home because he didn't want to leave him alone in Berlin with nowhere to go.

Magnotta, 32, has pleaded

not guilty to five charges in the murder and dismemberment of Chinese student Jun Lin. He has admitted to the acts he's accused of, but is arguing he is not criminally responsible by way of mental disorder.

In the days after the killing, he flew to France before heading to the German capital and hooking up with Rubert.

Rubert told the jury they socialized for four days without anything untoward happen-

ing. On the day of Magnotta's arrest, the pair had parted ways for a few hours. During that time, Rubert picked up a newspaper and saw a chilling image inside: a photo of Magnotta with a story describing an international manhunt for his arrest on suspicion of murder.

While Rubert contacted police and waited at a nearby station, an Internet café employee had flagged down police after seeing Magnotta in the café.

"On that day I reflected, and thought how stupid was I to let just anybody come into my apartment without knowing what kind of a person this was," Rubert said, adding the German police wished him a happy birthday after the arrest.

"I replied it's not my birthday and the police said yes, it is, because you could have been the next."

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## Lac-Mégantic. Coroner issues report, says deaths could have been avoided

A Quebec coroner says the deaths of 47 people in the explosion of an oil tanker train in Lac-Mégantic, Que., in July 2013 could have been avoided.

Dr. Martin Clavet issued a report Wednesday for each of the 47 victims. He notes he can't comment about civil or criminal responsibility because of pending criminal charges.

Clavet is urging Ottawa to review its regulations to determine the number of brakes that need to be enabled on trains. He is also recommending that the federal government ensures trains carrying dangerous materials on a main track have proper supervision.

A federal measure to that ef-

fect expired in 2013 and Clavet is recommending it be re-introduced until Canadian rail companies implement additional security measures.

The runaway train roared into the heart of Lac-Mégantic in the wee hours of July 6, 2013, derailed and exploded, destroying much of the community.

Hours before the deadly blast, the train's locomotive and its 72 tankers were parked for the night about 12 kilometres up a steep grade from Lac-Mégantic. It was left unattended with its engine running to ensure its air brakes remained enabled.

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Smoke rises from railway cars carrying crude oil that derailed in downtown Lac-Mégantic, Que., on July 6, 2013. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

## Euthanasia

### Poll: Canadians strongly support assisted dying

An overwhelming majority of Canadians surveyed in an online poll support assisted dying for those suffering from a terminal illness that results in "unbearable suffering," a pro-euthanasia group said Wednesday, ahead of a Supreme Court of Canada hearing on the controversial issue.

The online survey — commissioned by the euthanasia-supporting group Dying With Dignity Canada and conducted by Ipsos Reid — found that more than 90 per cent of respondents agree with the concept of assisted dying.

"Support in our poll was across every age group, every income bracket, all education levels, both genders and community regardless of size," said Wanda Morris, CEO of Dying With Dignity Canada. "We believe that it's time to stop unwanted suffering at end of life, now."

The Supreme Court of Canada will begin hearings Oct. 15 on the Criminal Code ban on assisted suicides. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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## Creamy defence. Probiotic yogurt may protect you from certain toxins: Study

If you want to defend yourself against poison, eat yogurt.

That's the — simplified — idea behind research published by experts in London, Ont.

A study led by scientists at Lawson Health Research Institute showed that probiotic yogurt can reduce the absorption of certain heavy metals and environmental toxins by as much as 78 per cent in pregnant women.

"We can't help being exposed to toxic substances in the

environment," said Dr. Gregor Reid, a scientist at Lawson and at Western University.

"The idea was, could we use a simple food to at least reduce the risk that, if we do consume something, it minimizes the net adverse outcome?"

Toxins like mercury and arsenic are common in water and food, especially fish. The problem is greatest in areas where there is mining and agriculture, and in the developing world.

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### New York

## Court to decide if chimps are 'persons'

A New York appeals court will decide whether chimpanzees should be declared "persons" rather than "things" so the animals can be freed from what critics call inhumane imprisonment.

Attorney Steve Wise

argued on behalf of a chimp named Tommy — who lives in a cage in upstate Fulton County — that animals with human qualities deserve basic rights like freedom from imprisonment. A trial judge dismissed Wise's request to move Tommy to a sanctuary.

Tommy's owner, Patrick Lavery, told the Albany Times-Union Patrick is happy and has cable TV and a stereo.

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# Nose spray option could improve flu vaccine rates



Eric Krex, 6, is held by his mother as a nurse gives him a FluMist flu vaccine in this 2005 photo. In a study released Wednesday, military who squirted the vaccine up their noses were as well protected as those who received standard influenza injections. CHRIS GARDNER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

**Just as effective.** Tests show immune system responses are the same between nasal and injection methods

Do-it-yourself flu vaccine? It could happen. Military folks who squirted the vaccine up their noses were as well-protected as others who got it from health workers, a study found.

There's no reason civilians couldn't do the same for children who might be less scared if the vaccine was given by a parent, the study leader said.

"A parent could easily administer it. You can't go wrong," and having a do-it-yourself option might improve vaccination rates, said Eugene Millar of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Rockville, Md.

So far, only health professionals are allowed to give

MedImmune's FluMist, the only nasal spray flu vaccine.

Over the last two flu seasons, more than 1,000 service members and their families got the vaccine at military hospitals in San Diego and San Antonio, either from a health-care worker or by simply giving it to themselves.

Blood tests showed no difference in immune responses among groups receiving the spray in contrast to injections.

The vaccine comes in pre-filled syringes with stoppers dividing the dose in half — one for each nostril.

While it's easy to administer, it's not ready for widespread use and requires "an appropriately designed study that shows equal efficacy (and) safety" before being endorsed for use on children, said Dr. Jonathan Temte, a University of Wisconsin family medicine specialist who heads a panel that advises the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on vaccine policy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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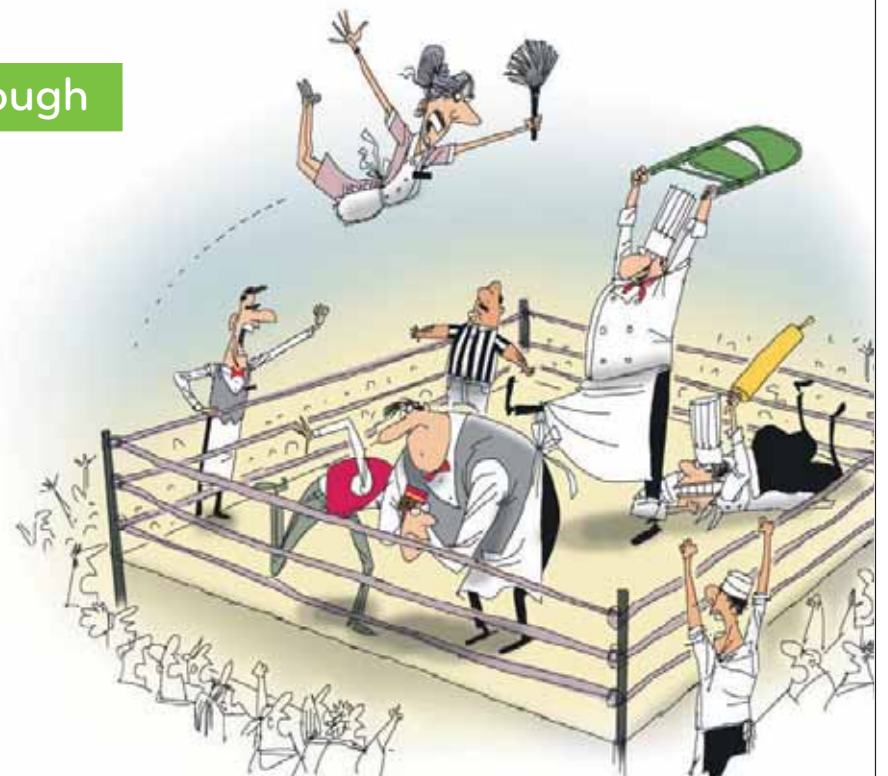
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## Five executed for armed robbery, gang rape

Afghan authorities have executed five men who were convicted of armed robbery and gang rape, the Kabul police chief said.

Gen. Mohammad Zahir Zahir says the men were hanged Wednesday. Then-President Hamid Karzai approved the execution order last month on his last day in office, a rare authorization in his more than decade-long tenure.

In August, eight men, some dressed in police uniforms, stopped an Afghan family's car outside Kabul and sexually assaulted four of the women in the family, including one who was pregnant. They were dragged out of the vehicle into an area where their male family members could hear the women screaming.

Seven were sentenced to be executed, but the charges for two were reduced to 20 years in prison. Three suspects remain at large.

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## Blood Moon takes over sky

The Earth's shadow is cast over the moon during a total lunar eclipse, behind a hospital's water tower early Wednesday morning in Jackson, Miss. The moon appears orange or red, the result of sunlight scattering off Earth's atmosphere. ROGELIO V. SOLIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Pakistani-Indian heavy fire leaves four civilians dead

## Degrading relations.

Hostilities between countries the worst violation of 2003 ceasefire to date: India

Troops traded heavy fire between Pakistan and Indian-controlled Kashmir, killing at least four civilians and worsening tensions between the longtime rivals, officials on both sides said Wednesday.

The fire exchanges, which Indian officials called the worst violation of a 2003 ceasefire, also wounded 18 civilians on the Indian side and another three on the Pakistani side.

The violence has spread since Sunday night along the 200-kilometre border between Pakistan's Punjab province



An injured Indian boy is carried on a stretcher for treatment to a medical college hospital in Jammu, India, following an attack from the Pakistani side of the border in Samba on Wednesday. Both Pakistan and India have accused the other of provoking violence. CHANNI ANAND/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

and the Indian-controlled portion of Kashmir. That lower-altitude border, guarded by paramilitary border forces, is lined on both sides by ancient villages and agricultural fields.

Tens of thousands have

fled homes on both sides. In total, nine civilians on the Pakistani side and seven on the Indian have been killed in the last three nights of fighting, officials said.

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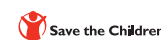
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# Father who travelled to see son graduate in the U.S. dies of Ebola

**'Dealing with the sorrow.'** Visit to America represented decades of effort in West Africa

Thomas Eric Duncan, the first Ebola patient diagnosed in the United States, grew up next to a leper colony in Liberia and was forced to flee from years of war before returning to his country, years later, to find it ravaged by the disease that ultimately took his life as well.

Duncan, 42, arrived in Dallas, Texas, in late September, realizing a long-held ambition to join relatives. He came to attend the high-school graduation of his son, who was born in a refugee camp in Ivory Coast and was brought to the U.S. as a toddler when the boy's mother successfully applied for resettlement.

"His son had told his mother, 'I want to see my dad. Can



This 2011 photo shows Thomas Eric Duncan, the first Ebola patient diagnosed in the U.S., at a wedding in Ghana. WILMOT CHAYEE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

we help my dad to come?" And they fixed his papers to come to this country," said Duncan's brother Wilfred Smallwood.

The trip was the culmination of decades of effort, friends and family members said. But when Duncan arrived in Dallas, though he showed no symptoms, he had already been exposed to Ebola. Duncan's life reflected the common hardships of many Liberians who fled or endured the country's 14 years of civil war.

Duncan's half-sister, Mai Wureh, had arrived with her husband in the U.S. in 1989, shortly before Charles Taylor's invasion, and helped her family apply for resettlement there, but the application was denied.

Duncan, Smallwood and about 20 other family members fled in the opposite direction from Taylor, to a refugee camp outside the Ivorian border city of Danane. It was there that Duncan met Louise Troh.

"We all lived in Ivory Coast

in the refugee camp, and by 1994, they were boyfriend and girlfriend," said Thomas Kwenah, a lifelong friend.

When Troh's resettlement application was approved, she took the couple's three-year-old son, Karsiah, and moved first to Boston and later to Dallas, but Duncan's visa application continued to be denied. Along with relatives, Duncan migrated from Danane to Buduburam, a sprawling, city-like refugee camp in Ghana.

This year, Duncan was summoned to the U.S. In a recent conversation, Kwenah said, Duncan had confided that he "wanted to marry that girl in Dallas."

Duncan arrived at Troh's apartment in Dallas on Sept. 20.

Troh said in a statement Wednesday that she is "dealing with the sorrow and anger" that Karsiah Duncan was unable to visit Duncan at the hospital Tuesday evening, and so never saw his father again.

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## Outbreak

### Vaccine clinical trials

With talk turning to the idea that Ebola vaccines and drugs may be needed to quell the West African outbreak, the tiny U.S. company that holds the licence for a Canadian-made vaccine says it is working as fast as it can to get that option tested and ready for use. NewLink Genetics says at least five clinical trials involving the vaccine, known as VSV-EBOV, will soon be underway in the United States, Germany, Switzerland and in an unnamed African country that is not battling Ebola. As well, the Canadian government has said it wants to conduct a trial in this country.

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## Virus worries. Spain euthanizes dog of Ebola-infected woman

Monkeys, bats and a menagerie of animals can spread Ebola. Now there's worry that dogs — or one dog in particular — might spread it, too. Officials in Madrid got a court order to euthanize the pet of a Spanish nursing assistant who has the deadly virus.

The mixed-breed dog

named Excalibur was killed on Wednesday.

No case of Ebola spreading to people from dogs has ever been documented, but "clearly we want to look at all possibilities," said Dr. Thomas Frieden, director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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Medical staff in Madrid, Spain, carry a person injured on Wednesday after clashes between riot police and protestors. Protesters were blocking a street to stop a vehicle believed to be transporting a dog belonging to a Spanish nursing assistant infected with Ebola. ANDRES KUDACKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Screening

## Canada to step up border checks for Ebola virus

Minister of Health Rona Ambrose says border agents will start to use targeted temperature screens in an effort to prevent people sick with the disease from entering the country.

The U.S. government also says it will start to use enhanced airport screening for incoming passengers at the five airports that handle most flights from the affected West African countries.

That word comes on the same day it was announced that the Liberian man hospitalized with Ebola in Dallas, Texas, had died.

Canada gets few travelers from the affected countries; only 1.5 per cent of all travel from the three countries comes to Canada.

The World Health Organization says that at least 8,033 people have been infected in this outbreak and nearly 3,900 of them have died. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Online meddlers can't run and can't hide from WikiWash

In March 2014, Metro's digital team headed to Toronto's inaugural edition of Techcrunch, a data journalism crash course sponsored by Google, the Center for Investigative Reporting and The Working Group. The prize at the end was a sizeable chunk of TWG's time to develop a data journalism tool pitched by an attending team. Metro's team won over the judges, and WikiWash is the result.



Metro digital reporter Luke Simcoe demonstrates the WikiWash program in Toronto Wednesday. DAVID VAN DYKE/METRO IN TORONTO



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According to itself, Wikipedia is the fifth-most popular website on Earth.

It boasts a staggering 21 billion monthly page views and the English edition alone contains 4.6 million articles — 100 times that of Encyclopedia Britannica.

Since its inception in 2001, Wikipedia has become the Internet era's de facto archive. However, with that status comes great responsibility, for a single malicious or incorrect edit can ripple outwards, carried into the broader discourse by the 500 million people who visit the site each month.

One of the earliest hoaxes on Wikipedia occurred in 2005. An article on U.S. journalist John Seigenthaler falsely claimed he was a suspect in the Kennedy assassination. The entry remained online for six months before being discovered, and the ensuing outcry led the Wikimedia Foundation to ban unregistered users from creating pages.

Two years later, a 24-year-old Caltech student named Virgil Griffith created WikiScanner, an online tool that linked changes made by anonymous

Wikipedia editors to the organizations from which the changes were made. Griffith's tool revealed edits made from IP addresses connected to numerous governments, businesses and agencies, including the CIA, the Vatican and the Canadian government.

Griffith said he developed WikiScanner "to create minor public relations disasters for companies and organizations I dislike (and) to see what 'interesting organizations' (which I am neutral towards) are up to." Most of the edits discovered by WikiScanner were harmless, but it was a wake-up call. The public learned governments and corporations had Wikipedia on their radar and weren't above meddling with it to preserve their image.

There are currently 287 language editions of Wikipedia, meaning spin and vandalism on the site is truly a global issue. (Check out the map on the next page to see some editing controversies from around the world.)

As Wikipedia's audience continues to grow, so too does the capacity for political and corporate spin on the site. Earlier this year, a WikiMedia employee was fired after being caught editing entries on behalf of paying clients. In July,

## Background

### The seeds of an idea



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It all started because we thought it would be fun to map the sort of chicanery Toronto's absurdly partisan politics inspired on Wikipedia.

Shortly after Metro's digital team arrived at Techcrunch, we were assigned a fairly simple task: Come up with a data journalism pitch to throw your freshly tuned techniques at.

Our kernel was telling the story of Toronto's municipal election through Wikipedia edits. What invented indiscre-

tions would worm their way into our notorious incumbent's entry? If somebody was spotted sowing confusion on a candidate's page, what other entries had drawn their attention?

That kernel went on to be heated by several rounds of prodding and encouragement from our Center for Investigative Reporting and The Working Group hosts.

They challenged us to expand our idea and cast our eye toward Wikipedia itself. The site's open nature is its greatest strength and its greatest weakness.

A way to easily sort what entries are being targeted by ill-intentioned edits, where the edits are being made from and even how they're being

corrected could go a long way to taming the more damaging aspects of Wikipedia's crowdsourcing model.

So it was time to think big. How much data could realistically be scraped from Wikipedia? Would we be able to search a constellation of pages to dig up potential patterns? What's the best way to display it?

Eventually, chats with our hosts grew shorter and the question primarily became, "Wait, this doesn't already exist?"

It didn't. Now it does. WikiWash still has a distance to go before it becomes what we think it can be, but we couldn't be happier to share it with you while we watch it grow.

you'll find those with an interest, an agenda or a point of view that's not neutral."

With that in mind, Metro News has created WikiWash. Designed in the spirit of WikiScanner, the tool takes things a step further by allowing users to track edits to Wikipedia in real time. And unlike other tools, WikiWash displays edits

on the Wikipedia page itself, putting any changes in context.

While tools like WikiWash have historically revealed Wikipedia's vulnerabilities, Maher believes they're a valuable part of the project.

"We're always excited when we see them," she said. "They're really an extension of the intent of Wikipedia. If you

## What is WikiWash?

- WikiWash is a search engine that reveals the edit history of a Wikipedia entry. To learn which users have been editing a page, simply paste the link or IP address of the person behind it. Clicking on each edit's summary will highlight the specific changes that were made, be it simply correcting a typo, or something a little shadier.
- So what to do with all these edit histories? Well, that's up to you.

start giving people open tools to create and share knowledge and participate in democracy, then the sky's the limit on what they'll actually do with them."

Ed Summers, creator of the @CongressEdits Twitter account, agrees. The automated account tweets edits made by IP addresses assigned to the U.S. Congress. The project has spawned clones across the world, including Canada.

"I created @congressedits because I hoped it could engender more, better ideas and tools like it. More thought experiments. More care for our communities and peoples," Summers wrote in a recent blog post.

It's a lofty goal, and one that prompted Metro to create WikiWash. Whether it's uncovering a political conspiracy, or just learning more about what makes Wikipedia tick, we're excited to see how readers make use of WikiWash.

Check it out and let us know what you find at [wikiwash@metronews.ca](http://wikiwash@metronews.ca).

## Online coverage

Follow @MetroNewsCanada on Twitter to find out when WikiWash will be available.





# A brief history of Wikipedia editing gone awry

## B.C. parliament buildings

Ahead of the 2013 B.C. provincial election, an edit war erupted on the Wikipedia entries for Liberal Premier Christy Clark and NDP Leader Adrian Dix. Partisan supporters on both sides were accused of grooming the leaders' pages, removing any mention of past scandals.



## U.S. House of Representatives

In 2005, the IP address assigned to the U.S. House of Representatives was blocked from editing Wikipedia due to "a deliberate attempt to compromise the integrity of the encyclopedia."



## U.K. parliament

In March 2012, it was discovered that U.K. MPs or their staff had made almost 10,000 edits to the encyclopedia. Many of the changes dealt with removing unflattering details from Wikipedia during the 2009 expenses scandal.



## Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17

In July 2014, the Daily Telegraph reported that IP addresses belonging to the Russian government had edited articles related to Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 to remove claims that it had helped provide the missile system used to shoot down the aircraft.



## California Institute of Technology

In 2007, Caltech student Virgil Griffith created WikiScanner, a tool that cross-referenced edits to Wikipedia and the organizations from which the changes were made. Griffith's tool revealed potentially spurious editing conducted by addresses linked to numerous governments, businesses or agencies, ranging from the CIA to the Vatican.



## Gulf of Mexico

In March 2013, it was revealed that an employee of British Petroleum (BP) was editing the company's Wikipedia page following the massive Gulf of Mexico oil spill.



## Croatia

In September 2013, newspapers reported that the Croatian-language edition of Wikipedia had been hijacked by a group intent on promoting anti-gay sentiment. The malicious edits prompted the country's minister of education to issue a warning to students not to trust the content of the site.



## Goa, India

In January 2013, an article on the "Bicholim conflict" — an alleged war in the Indian Goa — was revealed to be a complete fabrication. Prior to the revelation, the article had been listed in good standing for more than five years.



## Death-with-dignity laws. Woman with brain cancer plans to end her own life

Brittany Maynard will not live to see if her advocacy makes a difference.

The 29-year-old woman expects to die no later than Nov. 1. If the brain cancer from which she suffers does not kill her in October, she plans to take advantage of Oregon's Death with Dignity Act and end her own life on first of November — a few days after her husband's 30th birthday.

Maynard and her husband, Dan Diaz, uprooted from California and moved north because Oregon allows terminally ill patients to end their lives with lethal medications prescribed by a doctor.

Rather than silently await death, she has become an advocate for the group Compassion & Choices, which seeks to expand death-with-dignity laws beyond Oregon and a handful of other states.

A nationwide media campaign featuring Maynard's story began Monday, and has gone viral.

### Life-ending drug

Oregon in 1997 became the first U.S. state to make it legal for a doctor to prescribe a life-ending drug to a terminally ill patient of sound mind who makes the request. The patient must swallow the drug without help; it is illegal for a doctor to administer it.

- More than 750 people in Oregon used the law to die as of Dec. 31, 2013. The median age of the deceased is 71. Only six were younger than 34, like Maynard.

"I can't even tell you the amount of relief that it provides me to know that I don't have to die the way that it's been described to me, that my brain tumour would take me on its own," she says in an online video.

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# Gay couples can marry in Nevada, but not in Idaho

## Temporary ban.

An order to halt gay marriages in Idaho has dashed the hopes of same-sex couples in the state

Wedding chapels in Las Vegas readied for a flood of gay couples on Wednesday as bans on same-sex marriage were imposed and lifted in dizzying fashion.

But in a sign of the uncertainty over gay marriage across the U.S., clerks who had gender-neutral marriage licences all ready to issue were waiting to hear whether they should start.

The uncertainty in the self-proclaimed wedding capital of the world spread across the U.S. as the Supreme Court allowed same-sex couples in Nevada to exchange vows but blocked those in Idaho from doing the same.



Joshua Gunter, right, and Bryan Shields attend a rally on Tuesday to celebrate an appeals court ruling that overturned Nevada's gay marriage ban.

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Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy's order temporarily halting gay marriage came a little more than an hour after Idaho on Wednesday filed an emergency

request for an immediate stay. The state's request said that without a stay, state and county officials would have been required to begin issuing marriage licences to same-sex

couples Wednesday morning.

In Idaho, one couple was a few feet away from the clerk who could help make their union official when their attorney was told it wasn't happening.

Amber Beierle, one of the eight women who sued the state over the gay marriage ban, had hoped to marry her partner, Rachael.

"We were past the metal detectors, we were just a few feet away from the clerk and then our attorney was handed a one-page document," Beierle said. "Apparently it was Justice Kennedy telling us no."

She said the hardest part was calling her mom to tell her she wasn't going to be able to get married after all.

State after state has joined the national tide in seeing same-sex unions made legal, given a push by the U.S. Supreme Court's refusal Monday to hear appeals that essentially made gay marriage legal in 30 states. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



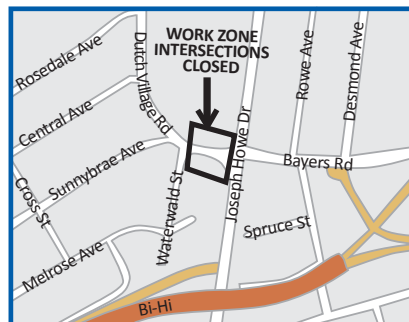
### Road Closure:

#### Dutch Village Rd. between Joseph Howe Dr. & Westerwald St.

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The project involves the installation of approximately 8.5 km of new sewer pipe from Raines Mill Road to the area of the Atlantic Superstore on Joseph Howe Drive.

Part of this work will require the closure of **Dutch Village Road** between the intersection of Joseph Howe Drive and Westerwald Street to allow for the installation of water, storm and sanitary lines. **This closure will be in effect from 7 p.m. Friday, October 10th until 5 a.m. Tuesday, October 14th.** During this closure, there will be no vehicle or pedestrian access in the work zone. Joseph Howe Drive will remain open.

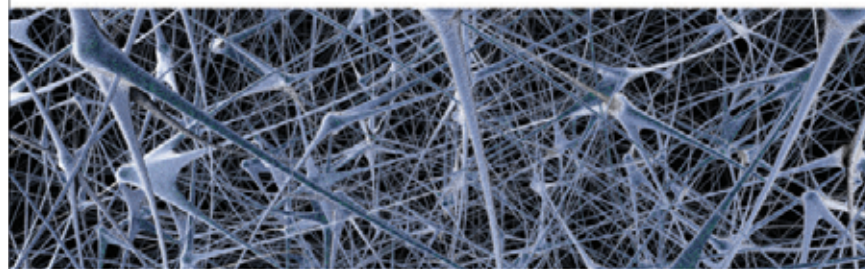


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## OSC. Panel doesn't want Conrad Black rehashing old news during testimony

Conrad Black will be allowed the right to speak in his own defence later this week before Canada's largest provincial securities commission, although it doesn't want to revisit issues that have already been through the U.S. legal system.

The Ontario Securities Commission panel also agreed Wednesday to also allow testimony from two of the witnesses proposed by the former media mogul, including his former secretary.

Black was squarely focused on the panel with his hands crossed in his lap when his request to speak was granted. His testimony is scheduled to

begin Friday. The head of the OSC panel, Christopher Porter, said he wants to ensure the Black hearing does not "recharacterize the evidence of the U.S. proceedings."

The prominent businessman, who gave up his Canadian citizenship in order to accept an appointment to the British House of Lords while proprietor of the Telegraph newspaper, has always insisted that he didn't break the law and was successful in having most of the U.S. charges against him withdrawn and most of the jury convictions overturned after a series of appeals.

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### Called 'cramming'

## AT&T to pay \$105M for billing people for bogus charges

Telecom giant AT&T will pay a hefty \$105-million US settlement after the U.S. government accused the company of unlawfully billing wireless customers for tens of millions of dollars in bogus charges — a practice known as cramming.

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### Alleged false claim

## Feds seek return of \$240,000 in oil spill claim money

The U.S. government is seeking the return of nearly \$240,000 after an Alabama man allegedly falsely claimed to have made the bulk of his 2009 income for himself and his business from shrimping — revenue that was shut off by the 2010 Gulf oil spill.

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# Love animals? There's a crowdfunding site for you

**LoveAnimals.org.** If you have a soft spot for cute, cuddly creatures you can donate via the site to help pets and wildlife

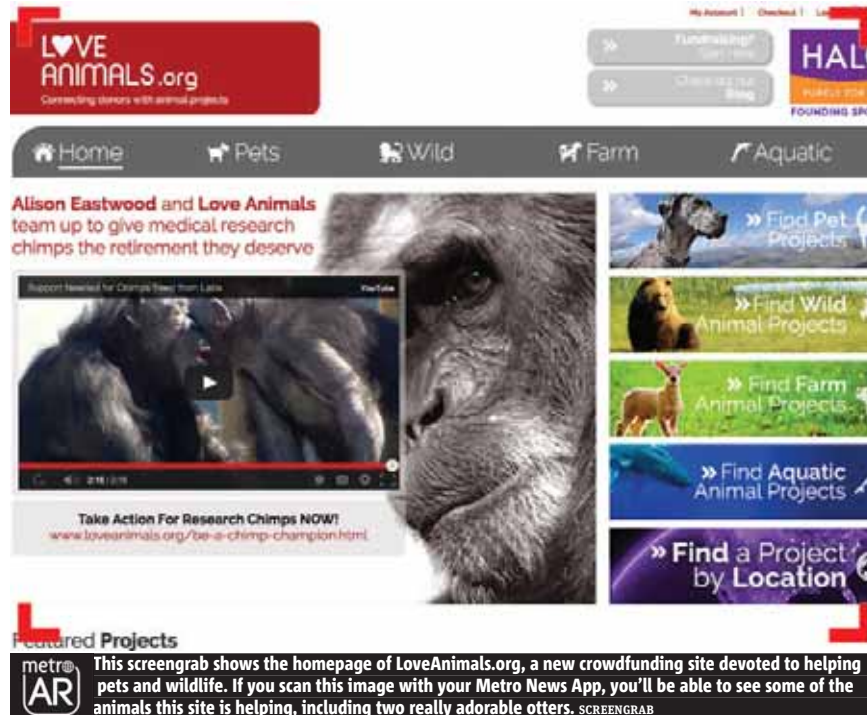
A large number of small online donations can turn pet projects into big lifesavers for animals.

LoveAnimals.org, a year-old crowdfunding site, is believed to be the first devoted to aiding just pets and wildlife. It has tapped into the power of online contributions, where people can give what they can, whether \$5 or \$500 US, to help a more costly project come to fruition. Through Love Animals, donors can help non-profit sanctuaries, pet rescues, animal hospitals, zoos and aquariums provide care and extra amenities for dogs, elephants, otters, horses and everything in between.

Animal efforts appear on other sites using the popular crowdfunding technique, such as Indiegogo, Kickstarter and Gofundme, but they are mixed with non-animal causes and for-profit companies. In July, the ResQwalk mobile app launched through Indiegogo, allowing people to raise money for animal rescues and shelters in the U.S. and Canada every time they go walking.

"It's easier to get many people to give small sums of money than to get just a few people to give you large amounts of money," said Sarah Timms, a Colorado attorney who founded LoveAnimals.org.

The site gave a new chance



at life to a kitten named Roger, who was thrown from a moving car in Colorado in early September and required a leg amputation.

Longmont Humane Society in Colorado, which took in the one-pound kitten, doubled its goal of \$650 in less than 24 hours of online fundraising. Twenty people donated between \$5 and \$375 through Love Animals to help pay for medical bills and rehab for Roger.

Love Animals, which will only post animal campaigns that come through a non-profit organization, recently got a boost from Ellen DeGeneres'

natural pet food company. Halo, Purely for Pets became the site's first founding corporate sponsor, a five-year commitment that came with a cash infusion.

Whether the cause is a companion animal like Roger, who was adopted on Oct. 3, or saving chimpanzees, farm animals or dolphins, it appears on LoveAnimals.org, Timms said.

Carole Baskin, the CEO of Big Cat Rescue, which she founded in Florida 22 years ago, used Love Animals to raise money for a fence extension that would foil a female tiger's escape attempts and al-

### Piece of the pie

Sarah Timms founded the free site LoveAnimals.org after reading a study from Massolution, a crowdfunding research company, which said crowdfunding raises billions of dollars globally every year.

• "We will make sure animals get a piece of that pie," Timms said.

low her to join her siblings in the sanctuary's new outdoor enclosure. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# SO HIP IT HURTS: A SUPERFAN'S TIMELINE

Maybe the clearest sign I'm getting older is that my favourite band is getting older, too. I am *38 Years Old*, after all.

The Tragically Hip's library isn't the Library of Alexandria or anything, but they've been around long enough that they're about to re-release a 22-year-old album. I find this depressing, fully and completely.

Even the way I discovered The Hip is old school. I was at my old school listening to a mixtape on a Walkman, when I heard a song with a bass groove so deep I dove right in. It was *At the Hundredth Meridian*, where my great fandom begins.

Since then, I've seen the Hip in Holland and Las Vegas and, God help me, Moncton. I've talked to four of them, including a conversation with bassist Gord Sinclair where he told me they're still together because 'We're men, not boys.'

*I'd best not squeal, then,* I thought, as I nodded solemnly.

I've tried not to be That Fan, but it's hard. I went to a movie the-



HE SAYS  
**John Mazerolle**  
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atre to see a one-off closed-circuit thing the band was doing, and I was stopped by a cameraman on the way in to ask my thoughts for the nightly news.

What I wanted to say: "The Hip were the first rock band to use Canadian iconography in their songs, which eventually led to the group becoming iconic themselves." What I actually said: "They're, like, icons, man. Awesome."

I didn't thrust a beer in the air and yell "WHOO!" though, so, you know, small victories.

My extreme fandom's never stopped. I know more about the Hip than any normal person should. Here's a timeline of their career, completely off the top of my head:

• **Sept. 15, 1981:** The band gets together in high school, spurred on by the typical Canadian dream of forming a group that is 40 per cent Gord.

• **Feb. 28, 1983:** The band chooses the name The Tragically Hip

after watching a 1980s Saturday Night Live sketch of the same name, beating out close contenders "Land Shark" and "Roseanne Rosannadanna."

• **July 2, 1986:** Lead singer Gord Downie has a day that he later says inspired much of his songwriting, when some Bobcaygeon thugs lock him in the trunk of a car.

• **Aug. 9, 1987:** The band releases its second single, kicking off the well-loved fan ritual of saying, "They're good, but not as good as they used to be."

• **March 17, 1994:** The band is nearly torn apart by drummer Johnny Faye's double-double addiction.

• **Aug. 29, 2005:** Years of alleged fear mongering are vindicated when New Orleans begins sinking. FEMA offers the band a direct apology.

That timeline isn't strictly true, if you want to be a slave to the dictionary definition. But it does highlight my obsessive, silly fandom, and why I still like the band so much after so many years: They make me feel young. Or as renowned rock critic Lester Bangs once put it, "Icons, man. Awesome."

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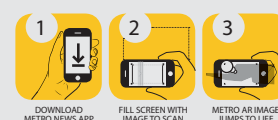


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## Get your kangaroo kicks



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So I'm a little torn about the *Nutcracker* soundtrack playing over this kangaroo fight. At first, I was indignant. Sure, the comedic value is plain. But it's also a disservice to anybody who hasn't heard what must be the magnificent sounds produced by a kangaroo boxing match. But by the time it was all over, I realized I'd hardly blinked and my heart was soaring. So well played, Rodney Langham. (Rodney Langham/YouTube)



SCREENGRAB

Twitter

@metropicks asked: A B.C. Pastafarian lost his driver's licence over refusing to ditch the colander in his ID photo, which he claims is his religious right to wear. Was the decision just?

@lustforlaughs: Pastafarianism can't be a religion because there is legitimate verifiable proof that pasta exists.

@nasty45: as long as he can wear the strainer to the Legion I'm cool.

@edmontongue: jah win some jah lose some

Join the conversation @metropicks.





# Images projected on bark capture emotion of nature

**Templum.** Montreal photographer Eric Cayla displays his latest work at FRED gallery in Halifax



**BACKSTAGE PASS**  
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Templum is the latest collection from Montreal-based photographer and cinematographer Eric Cayla.

Currently on display at FRED on Agricola Street, the exhibit features 18 large-scale images created with plates made out of bark from trees on Cayla's homestead in Quebec's eastern townships.

"The bark becomes a nice canvas for me because, when you look at it and observe it, you see a lot of shapes and forms — sometimes human forms," he said.

Cayla, the cinematographer on shows such as Haven,

Bomb Girls and Dead Zone, has always kept photography as a personal passion while growing his cinematography career.

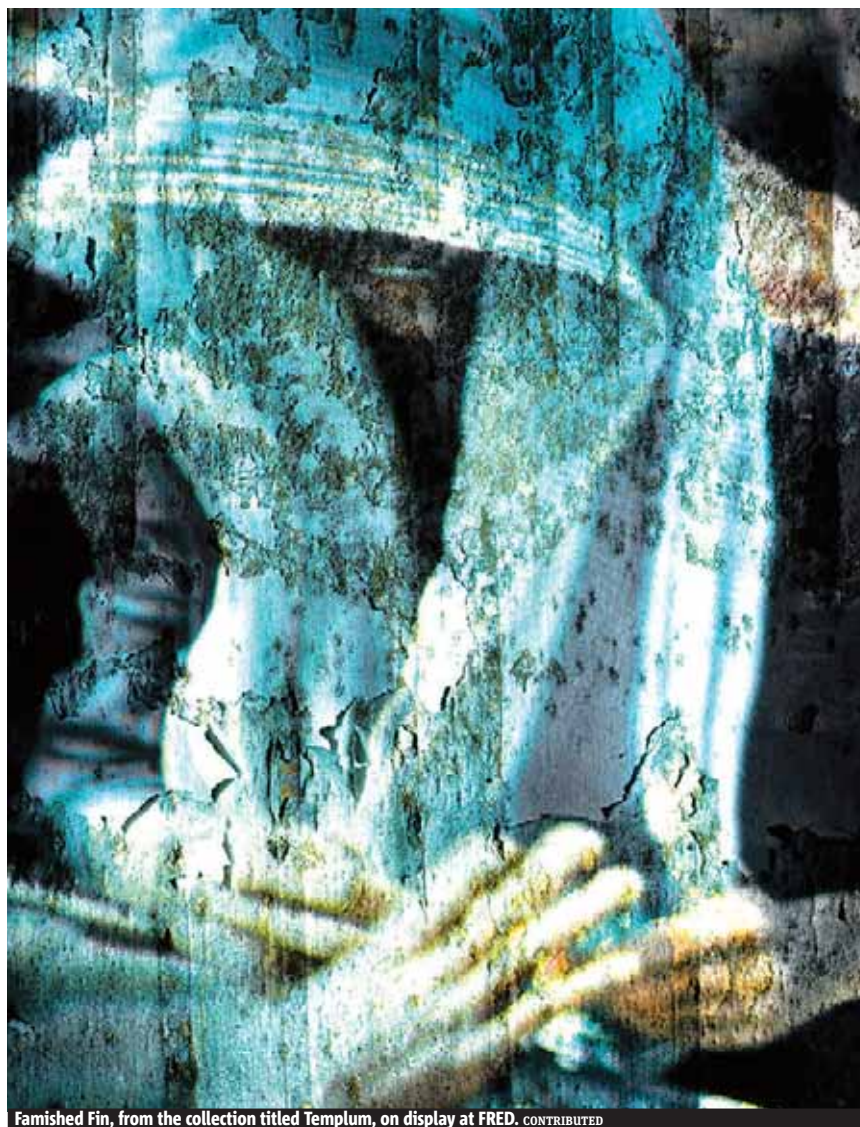
"I consider them connected in terms of the lighting aspect. I think for both, you have to develop your eye and create atmosphere, and to capture moments."

Working for years in his private studio, Templum started as an independent study. First with a focus on painters of the 20th century, it took Cayla into the world of abstract painters.

"I was always interested in painters and how they light their scenes," he said. "I wanted to do a series of pictures that would create and provoke motions just by using forms, shapes and textures."

The projection of images on bark, captured by film, is a visual source of inspiration for Cayla, who is inspired by the steady growth and subtle change found in trees.

"The projections on the bark become a metaphor for human experiences and emotions."



Famished Fin, from the collection titled Templum, on display at FRED. CONTRIBUTED

## Timeraiser art auction

The third-annual Halifax Timeraiser takes place Thursday at the downtown Halifax Club at 5:30 p.m.

Timeraiser is a silent art auction that uses volunteer hours instead of money to support local non-profit causes.

The objective is to find a piece of art you love, then bid on it in volunteer hours for a non-profit that best fits your skills.

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## Lots of good fortune and a little Bad Blood for England's Bastille

**Big breaks.** After years of struggle in the U.K., band is enjoying their 'easy' success on this side of the Atlantic

**PAT HEALY**  
Metro World News in Boston

A few winters ago Chris Wood found himself going door-to-door in London, England, distributing flyers to offer his services as a drum teacher. It was, as he describes, a chance at getting out of a career of working at a factory. But fate dealt him a kinder hand, as one of the people who saw his flyer was singer Dan Smith.

"So it happened that he was around that time thinking he should get a band together, and

it happened to be that same week that I popped up with the flyer," recounts Wood. "Basically, he rang me up, expecting me to be this 60-year-old man with a beard and he was asking if I had any drum students that would be good, and I was like, 'Nah, dude, I've only got two.'"

And so it goes that Wood — who is affectionately known as Woody — offered his own services and became the drummer for Bastille. Though the band's success in the States has seemed rapid, there were years of struggle in their home country.

"In America, we were very fortunate in that we skipped some steps that most bands have to go through, like the stage where you are playing for 10 people at this bar, and then you drive 20 hours to play for 10 people at this other bar," he says, noting that by the time they had come to the U.S., their debut, *Bad Blood*, was already at No. 1 in England. "In the U.K., though, we've seen it go from the very basic level where we were playing in pubs to where we are now."

Where they are now is actually in the studio. When we speak with Wood, he's literally in the kitchen of a recording studio, where the members of Bastille have just completed

seven days of recording on their followup to 2013's smash, *Bad Blood*.

But just because they found success the first time around doesn't mean the four-piece won't tinker with the formula.

"We're using guitars for the very first time," says Wood.

The way that the band members write has also changed. They're now hammering out ideas together for the songs.

"I say songs, but it's really kind of just ideas right now. There are seven or eight at the moment at varying stages of completion," says Wood. "We'd love to play these songs live, but people would be like, 'Why are you playing this half-finished mess?'"

But the process is still new and exciting for Bastille. Wood recalls that the early Bastille compositions were not as inclusive.

"In the beginning, the songs were all actually written in Dan's bedroom and then we'd go in and rehearse and sort of learn the songs. We'd be working all day and then go to the rehearsal space at about 10 at night and play until three in the morning and then get up at seven the next morning to go back to work ... It was obvious we all believed in it early on, and we all stuck with it."

### Quoted

"Basically, he rang me up, expecting me to be this 60-year-old man with a beard and he was asking if I had any drum students that would be good ..."

Bastille drummer Chris Wood on being recruited by singer Dan Smith



# Nashville's newest star is getting used to the country life



Connie Britton, left, and Laura Benanti star in Nashville. GETTY IMAGES

## Laura Benanti.

Singer-actress praises Connie Britton's hair and says her co-star is an 'all-around badass'

LISA WEIDENFELD  
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Broadway fans may recognize Nashville's newest guest star from her Tony-award-winning performance in Gypsy, but for TV audiences, Laura Benanti might be most recognizable from her turn as the Baroness on last year's immensely popular Sound of Music Live. (Twitter fans will just recognize her as an uncommonly funny Twitter presence.)

She is appearing as Sadie Stone, another in Nashville's roster of talented singer-songwriters trying to make it in the tough world of country singers. We checked in with Benanti about the important things, like how Sadie fits in with the other Nashville-ites, and just how perfect star Connie Britton's hair is in real life.

## How would you describe Sadie Stone?

She is a singer-songwriter who's been writing for probably 10 years or so. She's

pretty well respected but has never had a big hit on her own. She's recently had sort of a breakout album that's brought her more mainstream success, so she has some decision-making to do in terms of who she's going to allow to shepherd her into the next phase of her career.

## How does she fit in with the rest of the crew?

I think so far she's fitting in pretty great. One of the things I like about this show is that they celebrate the songwriter. She's not a flash in the pan. She's been around for a while, and so people think of her as a true musician, and they respect that.

## Will she start getting involved in some of the soapier aspects of the show?

As of right now, I have to say she hasn't. It's really been awesome and very interesting. It's been focused less on romance and drama, and more on her career and her friendship with Rayna, her sort of burgeoning friendship with her ... It is Nashville, so I'm sure that it'll turn into something a little bit more soapier.

Now that you've seen it up close, can you confirm if Connie Britton's hair is really as perfect as it appears to be?

It's like the hair is made of angel's wings. It's so gorgeous. I don't really understand it. I don't understand how it exists.

## She's just doing something right with it.

Even when she comes in with her hair wet, I'm still like, that's the most beautiful hairdo I've ever seen. And it's just like slicked back. It's maddening.

## Does she know people are obsessed with it?

Oh my God, yeah. She thinks it's hilarious.

## You've been very vocal about your love of the show on Twitter in the past. Were people excited for you?

It's funny because all my Twitter followers, when I announced that I was doing the show, were like, are you going to be cool? Is Connie Britton going to run away from you? Are they going to have to hire extra security? I was like, ooh, maybe I need to tone down the old obsession meter.

## She seems to have been OK with it. Is she showing you around the country scene?

She's taken me to some pretty cool places around Nashville. She's like an all-around badass. She's just an awesome person.

# Your

yikes, I can't believe it's already time for **pumpkins** and **turkey dinner**

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# Steve Carell talks tech and teenagers

**Alexander.** Actor's new family-friendly affair has him thinking about cellphone rules



**NED EHRBAR**  
Metro World News in Hollywood

Steve Carell has been busy promoting both the family-friendly Disney flick *Alexander* and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day and Bennett Miller's gritty true-life drama *Foxcatcher*, which wowed at Cannes and Toronto and hits theatres next month. Luckily, Carell hasn't had any trouble keeping the two films straight.

**All the kids in Alexander have iPhones, which struck me as odd, but then I don't have children. Is there a right age for that?**

It's different for different people. As for my family, we have limits. I think you have to have limits and you have to put parameters on

that sort of usage. You want your kids to be engaged with other human beings — that's always a nice thing. Our daughter got her cellphone when she was 12. So when she entered seventh grade, she got a cellphone. And I think that's fairly common. I think for a while it was 16 or even older, but I think all of her friends at this point have cellphones. They're not allowed to use them in class or anything; they're really there for emergencies. "I need to come home, pick me up" kind of stuff.

**And I assume there's a lot of peer pressure once other kids have them.**

Yeah, certainly. Technology's changed a lot. Since I was a kid, the world is upside down technologically. I think parents are just navigating uncharted territory at this point.

**My mom got me a pager when I was in high school. And now I know exactly when you grew up (laughs).**

Because the lifespan of pagers was not a long one.

**Longer than MiniDiscs, at least.**

Oh yeah. I'm sure they don't make MiniDiscs anymore. I've heard, though, that vinyl is making a comeback, that digital music has sort of peaked and that vinyl is making a huge surge right now. I always loved album artwork. That to me is sort of a lost art; what album covers look like and just the feel of it.

**You've also been promoting Foxcatcher, out later this fall, which is a very grown-up, Oscar-friendly drama. How do questions for the two films differ?**

Well, I mean, the movies are just so tonally different, and one is based on a true story so there is, I think, much more responsibility involved.

**Alexander isn't a true story?**

It could be! I'm not saying it's not a true story. A familiar story, to be sure. Let's say that. Certainly the



**This is one family that embraces terrible, horrible, very bad days. Scan this photo with your Metro News app to see how they relieve their stress.** CONTRIBUTED

questions I think we're going to be asked are different. The

whole approach to it is different. It's light, fun family

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## Killing Jesus. National Geographic announces all-star cast for TV movie

After *Killing Lincoln* and *Killing Kennedy*, the cable network is prepping a TV movie adapted from the third book in Bill O'Reilly's non-fiction series, *Killing Jesus*.

Details on the cast have just been revealed.

National Geographic has announced a star-studded cast for its retelling of the life of Jesus of Nazareth through political, social and historical events.

Haaz Sleiman (*The Visitor*, *Nurse Jackie*) will headline as Jesus, joined by Stephen Moyer (*True Blood*) as Pontius Pilate, Kelsey Grammer as King Herod, Emmanuelle Chriqui (*Entourage*) as Herodia and John Rhys Davies (*Sliders*, *Lord of the Rings*) as Annas.

The cast will also feature Alexis Rodney, Rufus Sewell, Stephanie Leonidas and John Lynch, among others.

After hitting new record viewer numbers with *Killing Lincoln* and *Killing Kennedy*, National Geographic is betting big on *Killing Jesus*, which will air in 2015 in 171 countries and 45



**Haaz Sleiman will play Jesus in Killing Jesus.**

GETTY IMAGES

languages.

The TV movie hails from the same producers as the Emmy-nominated *Killing Kennedy*, including executive producer Bill O'Reilly.

AFP

### Hollywood

## Get your Iron Man story straight, Robert!

Speculation is building around Robert Downey Jr.'s role in future Iron Man instalments after conflicting quotes have emerged from U.S. talk shows.

The Iron Man character will continue to appear in Marvel's film franchise, but may not get another solo film for a while. That's the conclusion drawn from apparently contradictory statements that Robert Downey Jr. gave on Tuesday on *The Ellen Show*. He was asked if there would be a fourth Iron Man movie.

"I know there's gonna be a bunch of Marvel movies and they have big ideas of how to do it best, and we're in the middle of negotiation."

"So yes?" continued Ellen DeGeneres. "OK, yes," he smiled.

But only a few hours later, he popped up again on *The Late Show* with David Letterman, where he said, "There's no plans for an Iron Man 4 ... there's no script for Iron Man 4."

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Rumer Willis and mom Demi Moore. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## Demi lectures daughter on pitfalls of cosmetic surgery

Demi Moore is reportedly reading the riot act to daughter Rumer after the 26-year-old posted an Instagram photo with so prominent a pout that some suspected she'd dabbled in the world of plastic surgery.

Despite speculation over the years that Moore herself has gone under the

knife, she "got a few of her daughter's friends together and lectured them about the pitfalls of cosmetic surgery," a source tells the National Enquirer. "Demi thinks all her daughters are naturally beautiful. She worries that Rumer and her sisters feel pressure to chase an unrealistic Hollywood physical ideal."



Morrissey

## 'I'll rest when I'm dead' Morrissey tells worried fans

British singer Morrissey has revealed he is undergoing treatment for cancer, though he did not specify what type.

"They have scraped cancerous tissues from me four times already, but who cares," the 55-year-old former Smiths frontman tells Spanish newspaper El Mundo. "If I die, then I die. And if not,

then I don't. Right now, I feel good. I am aware that in recent photos I look unwell, but that is what illness does. I'm not going to worry about that, I'll rest when I'm dead."

Morrissey has been forced to cancel several concert appearances since the beginning of last year due to various health issues.

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## Can you spare a fiver to help London block Nickelback?



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Who says the Internet can't be used as a force for good?

A British man has launched an online crowdfunding campaign with the express purpose of keeping Nickelback from performing in London.

Craig Mandell has set a goal of \$1,000, with all contributed funds going to charity, to show the band's management just how much Londoners don't want them around.

For each \$1 donation, he

will send Nickelback's management an email "kindly requesting that they do not play in London, England, for the foreseeable future."

A \$5 donation gets a "slightly more forceful email," and \$10 earns an email "full of explicit phrases and lots of capital letters and maybe even a rude emoticon or two."

But for donors really serious about getting their point across, nothing beats the \$50 donation level:

"Your donation will result in an email to Nickelback with an attached mp3 of Nickelback's music," Mandell writes.

"This way, the band will hear their own music and likely retire immediately, thereby ensuring the success of our campaign."

Do your part, folks.

Londoners will thank you.



Martha Stewart



Gwyneth Paltrow

## Shocked Paltrow 'psyched' that Stewart sees Goop as real competition

This Gwyneth Paltrow-Martha Stewart feud has reached new levels of cattiness, thanks to a recent speech by Paltrow herself.

Apparently the Country Strong star heard Stewart's remarks that Paltrow "just needs to be quiet" and "if she were confident in her acting, she wouldn't be trying to be Martha Stewart."

Paltrow's response? "No one has ever said anything

bad about me before, so I'm shocked and devastated. I'll try to recover," she joked while speaking at Fortune magazine's Most Powerful Women Summit earlier this week. "If I'm really honest, I'm so psyched that she sees us as competition."

I can only hope they continue to snipe at each other at increasingly absurd high-brow functions. Keep it classy, ladies.



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# Clothes: the book on Betty

## Written in retail.

Famed Bergdorf personal shopper Betty Halbreich talks closets, mirrors and memories

Clothes and how to wear them have been a constant in Betty Halbreich's life for most of her 86 years.

Good thing she landed a job at Bergdorf Goodman as a personal shopper nearly four decades ago.

The opportunity couldn't have been better timed. She was fresh out of a mental hospital after a breakdown following a split with her husband. She had found herself alone in his city — it wasn't hers — for the first time and needed a reason to get out of bed.

Fashion and style loomed large in her proper upbringing as a lonely only child in Chicago.

At the famed department store, it was the thing that saved her life. But with age, she's made a few changes, particularly when it comes to her relationship with clothes.

"I've loved clothes all of my life. I don't love them personally anymore. It's more of a job. Today it's like whatever's in the closet," the blunt-spoken Halbreich said by phone in a recent interview.

Dressing "correctly" has always come easily for Halbreich, especially under the watchful eye of her fastidious mother, so sharing that love by dressing others is about the only job she could have imagined.

Halbreich, with two grown children and three grandchildren, is still on the job, pulling looks for clients from the racks at Bergdorf



Betty Halbreich's lays out her life in a new book, *I'll Drink to That: A Life in Style with a Twist*, co-written by Rebecca Paley and released in September by Penguin Press. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

and preparing to publish a book on her life spent finding the perfect fashions.

**Closets have always been a source of comfort to you.**

### Kindred collaboration

Betty Halbreich on her friendship with *Girls* star Lena Dunham, who's developing a TV series inspired by Halbreich and her book.

- "We're going to have such a good time together if we ever get on with this, whatever we're doing. I feel like she's my other child. We're soul-mates in a strange way. We've suffered through some of the same things. We think a lot alike. She's sweeter than I am."

**They've played a huge role in your life.**

They're my playhouse, like my dollhouse when I was growing up. I can get up in the middle of the night and



start doing them. I live in eight rooms. I have 12 closets. I just keep rearranging all the retro clothes backward and forward. Closets and keeping them neat are like a hobby. It's really going back to my childhood. I've had enough psychiatry to tell you.

**You have an odd relationship with mirrors. You're surrounded by them all day long at the store.**

I do have an odd relationship. My mirror is so terrible at home that when I see myself in a better mirror when I come to work I say, 'My God, Betty. Turn up the lights. Don't walk out in the morning looking like a shadow.'

But clients, I teach how to look in the mirror. It's so interesting. It's a reversal.

### Let's get real

**"Look, 37 years of this stupid job, if I don't know that it doesn't look good on them, I should really leave."**

Betty Halbreich, image consultant and personal stylist

It's psychological. I've always had a fight with mirrors. I've never liked a mirror image. I've never really liked who I was, you know. I like who I am today because I'm more comfortable.

**How do you train somebody to like their image in the mirror?**

My mirrors are three-way and most women do not like that three-way mirror thrown at them, where you see your rear end, and you see your side view. But if they're really enamoured of some beautiful piece of clothing it works.

I know what looks good on them the minute they put it on. Look, 37 years of this stupid job, if I don't know that it doesn't look good on them I should really leave.

**So you don't live, eat and breathe fashion and shopping?**

When I leave the store, I try to live another life. I don't talk about clothes.

I haven't been in Saks since they put the escalator in (that would be 1979). Maybe I'll have to go to Bloomingdale's to buy a pillowcase, but I don't tread in other stores. I find it extremely boring. It's like eating too much candy.

I don't want to bring it home. I'm really not interested.

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# Scottish textile collection awash in watercolour warmth

**Born in Scotland, made in Canada.** Bluebellgray uses local talent for custom line

After hand painting the lush florals and abstract prints that adorn her designs, Fiona Douglas doesn't have far to look beyond her Glasgow studio to see her creative vision truly take shape.

The creator of Scottish textile company Bluebellgray has her original watercolours digitally printed on natural cloths that serve as the canvases for an expansive array of home interiors — some of which are produced just beyond her doorstep.

"We obviously can't do it across every product because some product lines you just can't simply make in the country where you want to make them," said Douglas, whose company uses ethically approved factories for overseas production.

"But from the very beginning, all of the cushions we've done in the U.K. market are printed in the U.K. The backing cloth comes from a little mill up the road

in Scotland. We sew them in Glasgow, the cushion pads come from a guy in Glasgow.

"It's very much local, and it's something that's been really important to me since the beginning of setting up this business is working with local suppliers and giving people jobs and opportunity. It's very much part of the ethos of what we do."

Hudson's Bay Co. All of the cushions for the retailer are sewn in Canada, and two of the furniture pieces in the exclusive collection — a tufted headboard with bright pink pin cushions and a colourful accent chair — are also manufactured here.



Bluebellgray  
Arisaig pillow. [THEBAY.COM](http://THEBAY.COM)

Bluebellgray's support of local producers has extended across the Atlantic as part of a new partnership with

the autumnal-toned Arisaig named for a village on Scotland's west coast; and Flower Field Meadow, which boasts oversized florals and bright colours. The Bay will also sell a selection of Bluebellgray's other popular designs in duvet sets, piped sheeting and quilts.

Douglas has eschewed following the masses or trends and remains committed to her own creative vision.

"I never look at trend boards. I never look at what's coming through, because I don't want to have that outside influence affecting what I do. I try and keep my inspiration quite pure," she said. "So the inspiration could be going to see a beautiful art exhibition or a lovely book that I've read."

"I think that by keeping the focus on my ideas and keeping them natural, it means you're not swayed by trends. And then the brand remains much more true to the heart and soul of what it's about."

While Douglas does create abstract designs, her boldly hued florals have been a distinct brand signature. While some may associate use of blooms with warmer-weather style, Douglas said she sees the beauty of florals in their ability to be incorporated year-round.

"There's nothing better on a cold winter day (than) if you come into your home and it's full of bright colour and flor-

"Everything is circular and I think it's a great thing to do. And I love that in Canada, we've had the opportunity to do that, to make things here to then sell in the Canadian market," the genial Douglas said during an interview in a downtown Toronto hotel suite awash with her cheerily coloured designs.

Douglas is also commemorating the special Bluebellgray line with the retailer with two exclusive prints:

## Tricks for mixing prints



Bluebellgray's Fiona Douglas said people shouldn't shy away from mixing prints in the home — provided they work with different scales.

- "You can maybe have a really lovely large-scale print on your bed and then maybe a large-scale print on your cushions as well. And then you have a smaller scale print on the rug or maybe on your wallpaper."
- Painting the wall behind the bed in a deep hue can also act like a blank canvas for more colourful prints that may be showcased on bedding, she noted.

• "If you keep a natural colour palette running throughout everything, then there will be this beautiful co-ordination that comes together," she said. "That's the most important thing for getting a coherent look in a room is to have the colours that all work together."

• "It doesn't necessarily have to be the same colour. It doesn't necessarily have to be all shades of blue. You can choose things that are all in the same colour family or the opposing colour family. As long as they're in the same tone, then they'll work in your room."

## Cozy up to colour

**"There's nothing better on a cold winter day (than) if you come into your home and it's full of bright colour and florals. It's going to make you feel good."**

Fiona Douglas of Bluebellgray

als. It's going to make you feel good," she said. "I would say the best way to deal with that if you're a little bit worried is use layering. Use quilts and use throws to add texture

and to layer on top of your florals, and that's what will add your coziness if you're wanting this cosy feeling for autumn and winter."

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# Costumes for the entire family

When Vancouverite Malee Perera and her son get ready for Halloween, Value Village is a prime destination.

They aren't the only second-hand costume buyers. Thirty-one per cent of parents combine new and second-hand items to get their child a standout costume, according to Value Village's annual Halloween survey.

About 87 per cent of parents say their children dress up for Halloween, and 68 per cent of parents let their kids make the costume decisions.

"My son is really into music, so he's been Gene Simmons from Kiss for several years in a row," Perera says. "But every year the costume gets an upgrade."

Perera has a few tips for getting your costume perfect.

## LOOK FOR INSPIRATION ONLINE

If you are stumped on what to wear this Halloween, Google it. Pinterest is another great resource for Halloween costumes, Perera says. The latest kids' movies continue to lead the costume inspiration. According to the survey, Canadians think Disney's Frozen will beat Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and X-Men: Days of the Future Past for the top movie costume inspiration.

Trick-or-treaters can also find tons of inspiration at [valuevillage.com](http://valuevillage.com).

## PICK UP SOME SPRAY PAINT

Want to change the colour of a second-hand item? Spray paint can take care of that. "Last year my son wanted to add some silver boots to his costume, so we found some second-hand boots that were the right shape but the wrong colour," Perera says. "Then we spray

painted them black and glued on some studs. They worked great."

## SHOP SECOND-HAND FOR FABRICS

Buy your fabrics

second-hand. "One year my son dressed as a skeleton, so he wore this black hoodie and sweatpants that he had almost grown out of, then we found

a white sheet at Value Village, cut out bone shapes from it, and

stitched them to his black clothes," Perera says. "It worked perfectly and it cost literally

\$1.99." Value Village is full of good ideas.

For more inspiration, find great costume ideas and DIY Halloween crafts at [valuevillage.com](http://valuevillage.com).

— Stephanie Orford



## DECK YOUR HOME IN HALLOWEEN DECOR

It's time to find those pumpkin carving tools. The spookiest time of year is here again and four in 10 Canadians plan to decorate their house for the occasion, according to a 2014 survey by Value Village.

Decorate your home inexpensively with decorations and DIY supplies from the thrift store. Value Village specializes in all things Halloween.

### CREEPY CRAWLERS WREATH

Send shivers down spines with a Halloween-themed wreath on your door. Take a regular twig wreath (thrifted from Value Village, or new) and attach a hoard of plastic spiders or snakes using floral wire to create the creepiest of welcomes for your trick-or-treaters. Paint your creepy crawlers black with acrylic paint for a monochromatic effect.

### TERRIFYING TABLE SETTINGS

Drip red wax over top of white candles to create macabre mood lighting. Plastic vampire teeth make great napkin holders. A red cloth works perfectly to create a table runner, tablecloth or placemats. Use fabric scissors to cut the edges into blood-drip



Visit Value Village to make a do-it-yourself terrifying table setting. CONTRIBUTED

shapes to create an effect the vampires among us will love.

### GOLDEN PUMPKINS

Wow your guests with golden gourds. Give an assortment of mini-pumpkins the Midas touch. Use glue and dip them in gold confetti or sparkles, or simply spray paint some or all of the pumpkin gold to create decorations worthy of Cinderella.

### PUMPKIN ICE BUCKET

Looking for decorations that are cool and practical? Slice a large pumpkin in half horizontally and hollow out to create a bowl. Fill with ice and a little water and insert your cans or bottles of choice. Chilling!

### MOOD LIGHTING

Find a wealth of second-hand glass containers at Value Village to create mood lighting for your Halloween celebration. Wrap the exterior with cheesecloth, apply stick-on googly eyes, insert glow stick or battery-operated light and voila! You have yourself a mummy light.

Visit [@saversvillage](https://www.pinterest.com/saversvillage/) on Pinterest for many more great ideas for decorating your home this Halloween.

— Stephanie Orford

## EVERY DONATION, PURCHASE HELPS

Sometimes Halloween costumes can be reused for years, but if you are tired of being the predictable guy at the party, don't throw your costume in the trash — donate at Value Village.

One person's trash is another's treasure, especially when it comes to Halloween costumes.

Every time you donate your child's outgrown costume at Value Village, not only will it bring another child just as much fun, but it will also go toward providing sustainable funding for vital community programs and services.

Value Village partners with local not-for-profit organizations to make this happen with all items that are on the floor, so that every donation and every purchase helps.

Donating your used costumes also helps keep them out of landfills. Value Village is also one of the largest recyclers of used clothing in the world, helping thrifty shoppers repurpose more than 294 million kilograms (650 million pounds) of quality goods every year.



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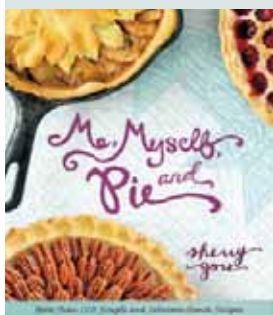
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# Making room for this dish is as easy as pie

## Cookbook of the Week

### The world of pie



Me, Myself, and Pie by Sherry Gore not only features 100 recipes that use simple, wholesome ingredients — it also shares stories of Amish life and culture.

Gore offers readers tried-and-true techniques that are sure to turn out picture-perfect pies.

Among recipes are Peach Pie, Cream Cheese Pecan Pie, Sweet Potato Pie, Farmhouse Chicken Pot Pie, Ham and Cheese Hand Pies, and more. **METRO**

## Alternative Thanksgiving Week.

Pumpkin pie will just have to share the spotlight with this Hearty Beef Pot Pie

### Pastry Crust

1. Blend flour and salt well in a large bowl. Cut the shortening into pea-size pieces and work into flour mixture until crumbs form. In a separate bowl, mix together cold water and vinegar. Gradually add the water mixture to the flour mixture until combined. Shape the dough into a ball, cover in plastic wrap, and chill for at least 30 minutes.

2. On a lightly floured surface, roll out the dough to a uniform thickness. Place in a pie plate and trim the edges.

3. Bake at 400 F for 8 to 12 minutes, or until golden brown. Let cool. (Makes two 9-inch pie crusts).

### To Prepare

1. Preheat the oven to 450 F.

### Ingredients

#### Pastry Crust

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp salt
- 3/4 cup + 2 tbsp butter-flavoured vegetable shortening, chilled
- 5 tbsp ice cold water
- 1 tbsp vinegar

#### Beef Pot Pie

- Two 9-inch unbaked pastry pie crusts
- 1 lb beef stew mix, cut in 1-inch cubes
- 1 cup milk
- 1 1/3 cup flour, divided
- 6 tbsp butter
- 1 tbsp oil
- 1 small onion, diced
- 2 cups beef broth, divided
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- Salt and black pepper to taste
- 1 1/2 cups potatoes, peeled, cubed, and cooked
- 1 cup frozen peas and carrots
- 1 stalk celery, diced

Place meat in a bowl and soak in 1 cup of milk for 5 minutes, then drain meat and dredge in 1 cup flour. Shake off excess. Place meat in a skillet and brown in butter and oil on all sides over medium high heat.



For an extra touch, slather this pie in a rich gravy. KATIE JACOBS

Add onion before meat is completely browned. Turn down heat to low. Add 1 cup of broth and garlic, salt, and pepper and let simmer for 20 minutes.

2. In a bowl, whisk 1/3 cup of flour into 1 cup broth. Add to

pan. Add the potatoes, peas and carrots, and celery to the pan and continue cooking until the beef is tender and the mixture is thick and bubbly.

3. Pour the mixture into an unbaked pie crust. Top with crust.

Score the top crust to vent. Bake at 450 F for 35 minutes, or until the crust is golden brown.

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## NHL season opener

### Kelly notches winner as Bruins top Flyers

Chris Kelly scored the tiebreaking goal with 1:51 left in the third period, and Tuukka Rask made 21 saves to lead the Boston Bruins to a 2-1 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers in their season opener Wednesday night.

Reilly Smith also scored for Boston, which finished with the best record in the NHL last season but couldn't get past the second round of the playoffs.

Sean Couturier scored for Philadelphia, and Steve Mason stopped 31 shots.

It was 1-1 when Mason deflected Adam McQuaid's slapshot from the blue-line into the air. The puck came down in the crease, and Kelly swiped it in while Boston's Loui Eriksson also had a shot at it.

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Chris Kelly celebrates his goal with his Bruins teammates on Wednesday night in Boston.

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## More NHL

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A shot by Montreal Canadiens defenceman P.K. Subban gets past Maple Leafs goalie Jonathan Bernier during the NHL season opener on Wednesday night at Air Canada Centre in Toronto. The Habs won the back-and-forth matchup 4-3. DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Habs cause hush to fall over Leafs Nation

**NHL.** Final bounce goes Canadiens' way as plenty of new faces get acquainted with hockey's oldest rivalry

The Montreal Canadiens got a pinball goal to beat the Toronto Maple Leafs in the season opener.

Tomas Plekanec banked a shot off the foot of rookie Leafs defenceman Stuart Percy with 43 seconds left to give the Cana-

## Opening night

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diens a 4-3 victory Wednesday night at Air Canada Centre.

Plekanec's second goal of the game came not long after Morgan Rielly tied it for Toronto in a back-and-forth game that becomes another chapter

in the long-standing rivalry between these teams.

P.K. Subban and Max Pacioretty also scored for the Habs, who have a handful of new players a season after going to the Eastern Conference final. Goaltender Carey Price finished with 24 saves.

Rielly, Nazem Kadri and Tyler Bozak had the Leafs goals. Brandon Kozun, who was making his NHL debut, had the shot that Kadri tipped in for his goal, and Percy, who was playing his first NHL game, set up Bozak. Jonathan Bernier stopped 28 of the 32 shots he faced.

The Leafs had the game's first five shots and dominated the play early thanks to a particularly strong shift by the second line of Joffrey Lupul, Kadri and Kozun. But the Canadiens made their first one count.

Pacioretty turned on the jets to get around Dion Phaneuf and went five hole on Bernier to make it 1-0 Montreal 4:42 into the game. Pacioretty's goal was the league's first in 2014-15, coming at 7:32 p.m. Eastern time before the Flyers and Bruins got underway in Boston.

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# Crosby happy to start fresh in Pittsburgh



Sidney Crosby's Penguins open up the season on Thursday night against the Anaheim Ducks in Pittsburgh. JAMIE SABAU/GETTY IMAGES

Sidney Crosby has spent months politely rehashing the Pittsburgh Penguins' nightmarish spring, a stretch that included a playoff meltdown against the New York Rangers and a sizable front office overhaul.

The league's reigning MVP is happy to turn the page.

"I'm tired of talking about last year," Crosby said. "It's nice to move on, get a fresh start here for everybody. We've got a lot of new faces, we still have a lot to improve on and get better."

The Pens should get an idea

## Geno ready

Evgeni Malkin is expected to play in the opener after missing most of training camp with an undisclosed injury.

of how far they have to go starting Thursday when they host Anaheim in the season opener.

Early success might be difficult with a tough early schedule while adjusting to first-year coach Mike Johnston's style.

Crosby said there will be

missteps along the way as the Penguins forge a new identity.

"If guys have the right work ethic and our focus is there and we do everything to help ourselves and have mistakes that are mistakes just because it's early and guys are getting a feel for each other, I think that's a little more acceptable than it would be in a typical year," he said. "I think you can tell pretty quickly why you make those mistakes and if it's a lack of effort or not being sharp. That's totally different."

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## Arizona

## Palmer on a daily basis for Sunday

Carson Palmer said Wednesday that his injured shoulder is feeling no negative reaction to the previous day's throwing session and hopes to be able to go through a full Cardinals' practice by Friday. Whether he will play Sunday against Washington remains to be seen. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Washington

## Griffin improving

Robert Griffin III took part in agility drills at Washington Redskins practice Wednesday as he works his way back from a dislocated ankle.

Griffin took part in stretching with his teammates. Coach Jay Gruden has declined to give a timetable for Griffin's return.

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Robert Griffin III GETTY IMAGES

## Buffalo sale



"If you asked me 10 years ago if I would own the Sabres and the Bills, I would have called you a liar."

Terry Pegula after he and his wife Kim Pegula were approved as new owners of the Buffalo Bills by the NFL owners.

# Child abuse trial might end season for Peterson

## Unlikely this year.

Tentative date to begin trial set for Dec. 1, last game is Dec. 28

Adrian Peterson is hoping to go to trial as soon as possible. Whether the star running back for the Minnesota Vikings returns to the playing field any time soon is another question entirely.

A Texas judge on Wednesday set a tentative Dec. 1 trial date for Peterson to face a felony charge of child abuse after using a wooden switch to discipline his four-year-old son in suburban Houston earlier this year. Defence attorney Rusty Hardin said after the hearing that Peterson is "chomping at the bit" to defend himself publicly.

But the case might not be tried before the end of the year, meaning Peterson, who is on paid leave from the team, may not be back on the field this season. The Vikings' final regular-season game is Dec. 28.

The trial date might change too: Montgomery County District Attorney Brett Ligon said he intends to file a motion to recuse Judge Kelly Case after the judge called each lead attorney in the case a "media whore." Case apologized, saying the comment was meant as a joke.

A Nov. 4 hearing was scheduled on whether to assign a

## Legalities

Corporal punishment is legal in every U.S. state. The Texas Attorney General's Office notes that belts and brushes "are accepted by many as legitimate disciplinary 'tools,'" but "electrical or phone cords, boards, yardsticks, ropes, shoes, and wires are likely to be considered instruments of abuse."

new judge. Case said the trial would likely begin Dec. 1 if he keeps the case.

Peterson faces up to two years in prison and a \$10,000 fine if convicted of injury to a child. He has said he never intended to harm his son and was only disciplining him in the same way he had been as a child growing up in East Texas.

Accompanied by his wife and with his mother, Peterson did not speak during his court appearance and did not enter a plea. Hardin has indicated Peterson will plead not guilty and said he wants to try the case as quickly as possible since Peterson can't play while the charge is pending. Hardin had wanted the trial to begin a week before American Thanksgiving.

"He just keeps getting hammered without the ability to respond," Hardin told Case. "This is the place to resolve all those allegations."

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Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson leaves court in Conroe, Texas, on Wednesday. Judge Kelly Case tentatively set a Dec. 1 trial date for Peterson on a charge of felony child abuse for using a wooden switch to discipline his four-year-old son. JASON FOCHTMAN/CONROE COURIER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## Gaga over papa-Popovich

Lady Gaga attends the NBA Global Games basketball friendly match between German champions Alba Berlin and NBA champions San Antonio Spurs on Wednesday at Berlin's O2 World Arena. Scan the image for results from the game ... you might be surprised. **TOBIAS SCHWARZ/AFP/GETTY IMAGES**



### Breast cancer research

## Moose trade red and green for pink

The Halifax Mooseheads will look a little different when they hit the ice this Friday night against the Charlottetown Islanders in QMJHL action.

The Herd will trade in their traditional red and green for pink jerseys, to help raise funds for breast cancer research. The seventh annual Pink in the Rink event at the Scotiabank Centre supports the Atlantic branch of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation.

Twenty game-worn and autographed pink Mooseheads jerseys will be raffled off, and a limited number of pink team T-shirts will be on sale.

The Pink in the Rink event has attracted close to 50,000 fans and raised more than \$90,000 since its inception. **KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE/METRO**

### Major junior hockey

## Red Deer Rebels to host 2016 Memorial Cup

The Western Hockey League's Red Deer Rebels have been selected to host the 2016 MasterCard Memorial Cup.

The Rebels will host major junior hockey's biggest tournament for the first time in franchise history after beating out the Vancouver Giants by a majority vote of the WHL Board of Governors in Calgary on Wednesday.

The Memorial Cup will return to Alberta for the first time since 1974, when Calgary hosted the tournament.

The Rebels will automatically qualify for the Memorial Cup as host. The team has only been in the tournament once before, winning it all in 2001 in Regina. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# MacDonald scores a championship match

**UFC.** Canadian welterweight to fight winner of Hendricks-Lawler bout for the belt

Canadian Rory (Ares) MacDonald is getting his UFC title shot. And it will happen in Canada.

UFC president Dana White has confirmed that the 25-year-old welterweight will fight the winner of the UFC 181 main event between 170-pound champion Johny (Bigg Rigg) Hendricks and No. 1 contender (Ruthless) Robbie Lawler.

Hendricks and Lawler meet Dec. 6 in a Las Vegas rematch of their UFC 171 bout in March that decided the successor to Georges St-Pierre.

MacDonald, ranked No. 2 among welterweight contenders, has won three straight and eight of his last nine in the UFC.

"It's pretty impossible to deny Rory that, whoever comes out of that Hendricks-Lawler fight, he's the next guy in line," White told The Canadian Press on Wednesday.

MacDonald, a native of Kelowna, B.C., who fights out of Montreal, is bidding to join St-Pierre and Carlos (Ronin) Newton as the only Canadians to hold a UFC championship.

Featherweight Mark (The Machine) Hominick of Thamesford, Ont., and Montreal middleweight Patrick (The Predator) Cote lost title fights in the UFC. Alexis Davis failed in a bid for the women's bantamweight crown.

MacDonald (18-2) has al-



Rory MacDonald attacks a downed Tarec Saffiedine during their welterweight bout at UFC Fight Night 4 at the Scotiabank Centre on Saturday night. **ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

ready beaten No. 3 Tyrone Woodley, No. 7 Demian Maia, No. 8 Jake Ellenberger and No. 9 Tarec Saffiedine.

"I have a lot of respect for Saffiedine," White said. "That's guy's tough to deal with. Rory just absolutely made him look like he didn't belong there. He actually treated him like No. 9."

White said the MacDonald title bout would "absolutely, positively, without a doubt, be in Canada. He's next in line and that fight will be in Canada."

### The prophecy

**"One day, very soon the belt will be mine."**

Rory MacDonald, following a unanimous decision victory over Tyrone Woodley at UFC 174 in June, predicted he would become the UFC's welterweight champion

White did not say when MacDonald would get his title shot, but the UFC has a March date reserved in Montreal.

MacDonald has not faced Hendricks. He lost a split decision to Lawler when they met

at UFC 167 in November 2013.

After beating Saffiedine, the Canadian argued he was the logical contender.

"I really don't see anyone else," he said.

It's hard to argue with him. No. 4 Carlos Condit, while he holds a 2010 win over MacDonald, has fought for the title and lost and is currently recovering from a knee injury. No. 5 Matt Brown lost to Lawler in June and No. 6 Hector Lombard is set to face Josh Burkman at UFC 182 in January. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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## Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

## ♈ Aries

**March 21 - April 20**

Face up to emotional problems. There is a time and a place for everything, and this is the time and the place to make your feelings known. Be honest and tell others to be honest too.

## ♉ Taurus

**April 21 - May 21**

A business venture may seem straightforward but as Mercury is in one of its retrograde phases there may be hidden pitfalls. Don't commit unless you have a get-out clause.

## ♊ Gemini

**May 22 - June 21**

Your approach to a certain situation may be ridiculed by those who think you are doomed to failure but they won't be laughing when they see you make a success of it.

## ♋ Cancer

**June 22 - July 23**

You will learn as much from your mistakes today as you do from your successes, so be of good cheer and expect an upturn in your fortunes soon.

## ♌ Leo

**July 24 - Aug. 23**

Others may be willing to listen to your opinions today but will they act on what you suggest? Don't worry about that. Just ensure you live up to your ideals.

## ♍ Virgo

**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**

You may have misgivings about a deal but you'd be wise to ignore them. What happens over the next few days should give you a sense of confidence.

## ♎ Libra

**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**

The changes you are going through may be what you need but that won't stop you from worrying. The planets urge you to keep faith with what you have decided and eventually your luck will return.

## ♏ Scorpio

**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**

Because mind planet Mercury is moving retrograde it will take a concentrated mental effort not to give in to feelings of doom. It is an effort worth making.

## ♐ Sagittarius

**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**

Today's cosmic picture is misleading to say the least, so don't make decisions on what you think loved ones have been saying. Chances are you have misinterpreted their meaning.

## ♑ Capricorn

**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**

Communication won't be easy over the next 24 hours, and when you get a straight answer from someone you may not be able to trust it. Keep what you want to say for another day.

## ♒ Aquarius

**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**

Trust your instincts if they lead you in a certain direction today but don't expect others to follow without question.

## ♓ Pisces

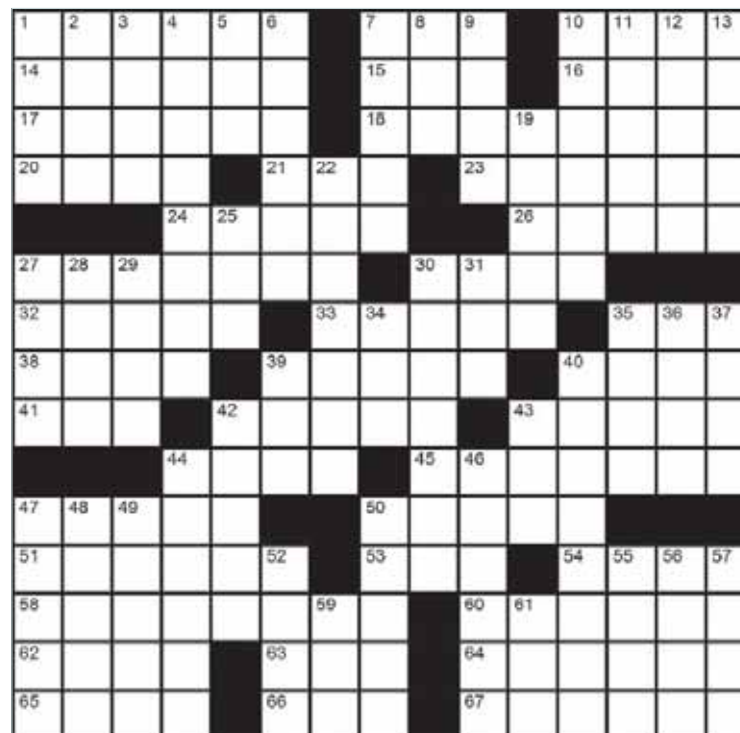
**Feb. 20 - March 20**

Your imagination could easily run away with you today, especially if you are having second thoughts about a project. Don't get carried away.

## Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

## Across

1. Kardashians guy
- Scott
7. Queen from folklore
10. Try out
14. Actress, Maria Conchita
15. Genius
16. "My Way" bit: "... it up and spit it out."
17. Praying insect
18. Barenaked Ladies bassist Jim
20. Business: 'Big Board', briefly
21. Gardening implement
23. \_\_\_ Bridge (1500s-built oldest crosser of Venice's Grand Canal)
24. Whirls
26. Smile scornfully
27. Mr. Ferguson, Canadian jazz trumpeter
30. Canadian hockey star Mr. Weber
32. The Tempest spirit
33. Supermodel Kate
35. Music's Brian
38. Seven: French
39. Tennis great Chris
40. Handle
41. Owns
42. Persona non \_\_\_
43. Still \_\_\_ (Maya Angelou poem)
44. True: French
45. \_\_\_ Afshin-Jam (Activist wife of Justice Minister Peter MacKay who was Miss World Canada in 2003)



47. Ms. MacDowell
50. Askew, to a Scot
51. Trumpet-like instrument
53. "Waking \_\_\_ Devine" (1998)
54. Bausch + \_\_\_ (Contacts care brand)
58. Harbour hazard: 2 wds.

60. Mr. Estevez
62. Mr. Shankar
63. Ms. Larter
64. McDonald's character
65. Actor, Roscoe \_\_\_ (b.1895 - d.1962)
66. Celebrity chef Sandra
67. Dotted-line

- endorser
- Down
1. Exasperated expletive!
2. William Faulkner's As \_\_\_ Dying
3. Some of "The Brady Bunch"
4. Cyberspace
5. "\_\_\_": Crime Scene

- Investigation"
6. \_\_\_ salt (Seasoning)
7. Ceremonial staffs
8. Horiz.
9. "Cheers" order
10. Fantasy novel by Weyburn, Saskatchewan born author Guy Gavriel Kay
11. Bald \_\_\_

12. Condition
13. Plácido Domingo's voice
19. Iron: German
22. Leakey Family's famous excavation site, \_\_\_ Gorge
25. 'Arbor' suffix (Relating to trees)
27. Crush
28. "Diamonds \_\_\_ Girl's Best Friend"
29. Litter barks
30. "\_\_\_ Empire", new CBC Western
31. Popular
34. Hamster or parrot
35. Ireland, in verse
36. Inconclusive
37. Frank
39. Baseball pitcher's stat.
40. Arctic \_\_\_ (Northwest Territories' official fish)
42. Hellenic language
43. 'Capital' suffix
44. Da \_\_\_ (Mona Lisa and Annunciation)
46. Some trees
47. Canadian performers' union
48. Tuque-less, say: 2 wds.
49. The Cars hit
50. Brad Pitt's wife, to pals
52. Cookware brand
53. The Good Earth heroine
56. Distance unit
57. Foretell
59. Bravo!
61. Me: French

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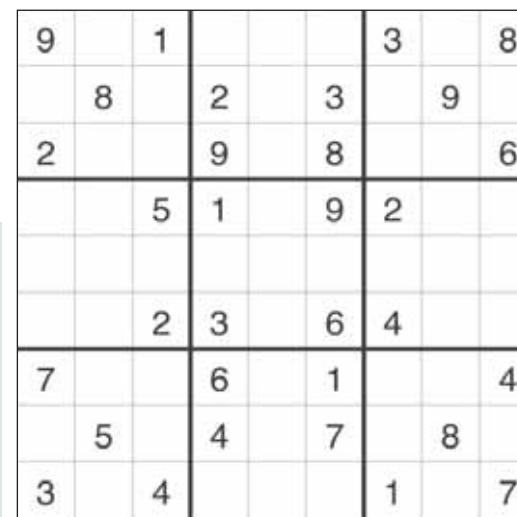


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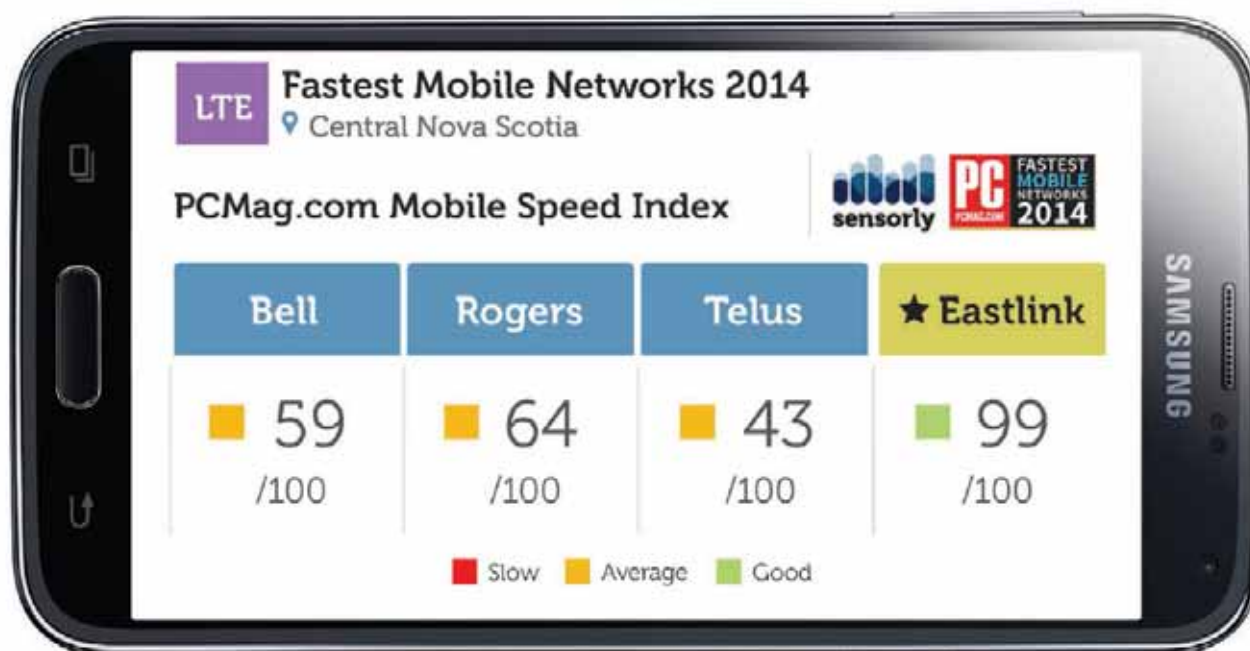


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